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PUBLIC RESOLUTION NO. 126, SEVENTY-FIRST CONGRESS

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the proceedings of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the American Legion, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, respectively, shall, with accompanying illustrations, be printed annually as separate House documents of the session of Congress to which they may be submitted.

SEC. 2. That section 2, chapter 277, volume 43, page 473, of the Revised Statutes, approved June 6, 1924, be, and is hereby, repealed.

Approved, March 2, 1931.

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LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Philadelphia, Pa., January 10, 1933.

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Resolution No. 126, Seventy-first Congress, approved March 2, 1931, there is transmitted herewith the journal of the proceedings of the Sixty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Springfield, Ill., on September 18 to 23, 1932, which is submitted for printing as a House document.

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Quartermaster General.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ENCAMPMENT ROLL
LIST OF COMMITTEES

ROLL OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., SEPTEMBER 18 TO 23, 1932

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Commander in chief
SAMUEL P. TOWN,[1] [2], Philadelphia, Pa.

Senior vice commander in chief
OLEY NELSON,[1] [3] Slater, Iowa

Junior vice commander in chief
RUSSELL C. MARTIN,[1] [4] Los Angeles, Calif.

Surgeon general
SAMUEL A. CAMPBELL,[1] Mattoon, Ill.

Chaplain in chief
JESSE B. BARTLEY,[1] Omaha, Nebr.

Adjutant general
W. F. HAMBRIGHT,[1] [2] Lancaster, Pa.

Quartermaster general
EDWARD HURLEY,[1] Buffalo, N. Y.

Judge advocate general
JOHN REESE,[1] [5] Broken Bow, Nebr.

Inspector general
IRA R. WILDMAN,[1] [6] Danbury, Conn.

National patriotic instructor
JOHN F. PICKERILL,[1] Seattle, Wash.

Assistant adjutant general
FRED A. BURT,[1] Providence, R. I.

Assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records
JACOB BARRON,[1] [7] Philadelphia, Pa.

Chief of staff
CHARLES E. NASON,[1] [8] Portland, Me.

Senior aide-de-camp
JOSEPH B. HENNINGER,[1] [9] Indianapolis, Ind.

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[1] Present.
[2] Past commander, Department of Pennsylvania.
[3] Past commander, Department of Iowa.
[4] Past commander, Department of California.
[5] Past commander in chief.
[6] Past commander, Department of Connecticut.
[7] Commander, Department of Pennsylvania.
[8] Past senior vice commander, Department of Maine.
[9] Assistant adjutant general, Department of Indiana.

MEMBERSHIP SIXTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The total number of names appearing on the roll of the Sixty-sixth National Encampment, as shown by the following table, is 1,121. Deducting previously reported, 140, the net voting strength is 981.

National Officers, Past National Officers, and Departments	Department officers	Representatives	Past department commanders	Past senior vice department commanders	Past junior vice department commanders	Total	Deduct previously reported	Net voting strength
National officers entitled to vote						10		10
National council of administration						42		42
Past commanders in chief						8	2	6
Past senior vice commanders in chief						11	2	9
Past junior vice commanders in chief						10	4	6
Past surgeons general						8	2	6
Past chaplains in chief						4		4
Past adjutants general						7	2	5
Past quartermasters general						1	1	0
Alabama	4	1	7	1		13	5	8
Arkansas	4	1	5	1	1	12	5	7
California and Nevada	4	24	18	4	8	58	2	56
Colorado and Wyoming	4	5	5	4	3	21	2	19
Connecticut	4	5	8		1	18	3	15
Delaware	4	1	9			14	6	8
Florida	4	5	13		2	24	1	23
Georgia and South Carolina	4	1	6			11	4	7
Idaho	4	2	9	4	3	22	3	19
Illinois	4	22	8	8	5	47	2	45
Indiana	4	8	7	6	1	26	1	25
Iowa	4	14	5	1	3	27	4	23
Kansas	4	15	9	5	8	41	1	40
Kentucky	4	2	5		1	12	2	10
Louisiana and Mississippi	4	2	3			9	3	6
Maine	4	6	11	5	4	30	3	27
Maryland	4	2	4	2	1	13	5	8
Massachusetts	4	16	9		1	30	2	28
Michigan	4	12	4	7	3	30	3	27
Minnesota	4	8	9	3	2	26	3	23
Missouri	4	6	10	6	10	36	2	34
Montana	4	2	12	1		19	1	18
Nebraska	4	8	10	2	6	30	3	27

National Officers, Past National Officers, and Departments	Department officers	Representative	Past department commanders	Past senior vice department commanders	Past junior vice department commanders	Total	Deduct previously reported	Net voting strength
New Hampshire	4	3	9			16	2	14
New Jersey	4	5	11	2	1	23	3	20
New York	4	24	11	6	6	51	6	46
North Dakota	4	1	15			20	4	16
Ohio	4	25	6	7	3	45	2	43
Oklahoma	4	2	12		1	13	6	7
Oregon	4	7	10	1	4	26	4	22
Pennsylvania	4	30	8	8	2	52	4	48
Potomac	4	2	6	2		14	4	10
Rhode Island	4	3	8		1	16	3	13
South Dakota	4	2	12	2	2	22	5	17
Tennessee	4	2	11		4	21	1	20
Texas	4	2	10	3	1	20	3	17
Utah	4	2	6	1	1	14	3	11
Vermont	4	2	8	1		15	4	11
Virginia and North Carolina	4	1	1		2	8	1	7
Washington and Alaska	4	7	11	2	4	28	2	26
West Virginia	4	3	5			12	2	10
Wisconsin	4	11	10	8	2	35	2	33
Total	168	302	266	103	97	1,121	140	981

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Alabama: Charles E. Jones,[1] Tuscaloosa.
Arkansas: John Q. Hays, Little Rock.
California and Nevada: H. J. Judell, San Francisco.
Colorado and Wyoming: A. J. Rawson,[1] Denver.
Connecticut: George A. Tucker,[1] New Haven.
Delaware: James Lynn, Wilmington.
Florida: M. W. Strong, St. Petersburg.
Georgia and South Carolina: Henry Bruner,[1] Fitzgerald.
Idaho: George Kingsbury,[1] Emmett.
Illinois: William P. Wright,[1] [2] Chicago.
Indiana: David N. Foster,[1] [2] Fort Wayne.
Iowa: John T. Lucas, Marshalltown.
Kansas: W. W. Nixon,[1] Jewel City.
Kentucky: M. H. Davidson,[1] [2] Louisville.
Louisiana and Mississippi: John Wright, Vicksburg.
Maine: S. C. Hastings, Portland.
Maryland: John T. Holmes,[1] [2] Baltimore.
Massachusetts: Waldo Turner, East Weymouth.
Michigan: Albert Dunham,[1] Lansing.
Minnesota: Samuel E. Mahan,[1] St. Paul.
Missouri: A. J. P. Barnes,[1] Joplin.
Montana: George I. Reiche, Helena.
Nebraska: David Jack,[1] Peru.
New Hampshire: Joseph Willis, Woodsville.
New Jersey: Joseph A. Goodrich,[1] [2] Jersey City.
New York: Martin V. Stone, Jamestown.
North Dakota: Albert Roberts,[1] Devils Lake.
Ohio: Emmett F. Taggart,[1] Akron.
Oklahoma: R. L. Johnson,[1] Tonkawa.
Oregon: H. V. Gates, Hillsboro.
Pennsylvania: L. F. Arensberg,[1] [2] East Millsboro.
Potomac: John Middleton, Brentwood.
Rhode Island: Charles H. Bullock, East Providence.
South Dakota: W. H. Cornell,[1] Brookings.
Tennessee: F. M. Underwood, Nashville.
Texas: John Shearer,[1] Houston.
Utah: Ira Stormes, Salt Lake City.
Vermont: John H. Amadon,[1] Waterville.
Virginia and North Carolina: Joseph Shaw, Norfolk.
Washington and Alaska: J. E. Gandy,[1] Spokane.
West Virginia: Thomas Carder,[1] Parkersburg.
Wisconsin: E. B. Heimstreet,[1] Lake Mills.

[1] Present.
[2] Member of executive committee of national council of administration.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

B. F. Stephenson (provisional) (died Aug. 30, 1871) 1866
S. A. Hurlburt, Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882) 1866–67
John A. Logan, Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886) 1868–1870
Ambrose E. Burnside, Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881) 1871–72
Charles Devens, Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892) 1873–74
John F. Hartranft, Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1899) 1875–76
John C. Robinson, New York (died Feb. 18, 1897) 1877–78
William Earnshaw, Ohio (died July 17, 1885) 1879
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1894) 1880
George S. Merrill, Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900) 1881
Paul Van Dervoort, Nebraska (died July 29, 1902) 1882
Robert B. Beath, Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1914) 1883
John S. Kountz, Ohio (died June 14, 1909) 1884
Samuel S. Burdett, Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914) 1885
Lucius Fairchild, Wisconsin (died May 22, 1896) 1886
John P. Rea, Minnesota (died May 28, 1900) 1887
William Warner, Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916) 1888
Russell A. Alger, Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907) 1889
Wheelock G. Veazy, Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898) 1890
John Palmer, New York (died Apr. 15, 1905) 1891
A. G. Weissert, Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923) 1892
John G. B. Adams, Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900) 1893
Thomas G. Lawler, Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908) 1894
Ivan N. Walker, Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905) 1895
T. S. Clarkson, Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915) 1896
John P. S. Gobin, Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910) 1897
James A. Sexton, Illinois (died in office, Feb. 5, 1899) 1898
W. C. Johnson, Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917) 1899
Albert D. Shaw, New York (died Feb. 10, 1901) 1899
Leo Rassieur, Missouri (died June 1, 1929) 1900
Ell Torrance, Minnesota (died Feb. 18, 1932) 1901
Thomas J. Stewart, Pennsylvania (died Sept. 11, 1917) 1902
John C. Black, Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915) 1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar, Massachusetts (died in office, July 6, 1905) 1904
John R. King,[1] Baltimore, Md 1905
James Tanner, New York (died Oct. 2, 1927) 1905
Robert B. Brown, Ohio (died July 30, 1916) 1906
Charles G. Burton, Missouri (died Feb. 25, 1926) 1907
Henry N. Nevius, New Jersey (died Jan. 28, 1911) 1908
Samuel R. Van Sant,[1] Minneapolis, Minn 1909
John E. Gilman, Massachusetts (died Feb. 20, 1921) 1910
Harvey W. Trimble, Illinois (died Jan. 10, 1918) 1911
Alfred B. Beers, Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920) 1912
Washington Gardner, Michigan (died Mar. 31, 1928) 1913
David J. Palmer, Iowa (died Nov. 5, 1928) 1914
Elias R. Montfort, Ohio (died July 29, 1920) 1915
W. J. Patterson, Pennsylvania (died Nov. 6, 1926) 1916
Orlando A. Somers, Indiana (died June 9, 1921) 1917
Clarendon E. Adams, Nebraska (died Feb. 23, 1924) 1918
James D. Bell, New York (died in office, Nov. 1, 1919) 1919
Daniel M. Hall, Ohio (died Oct. 19, 1925) 1919
William A. Ketcham, Indiana (died Dec. 27, 1921) 1920
Lewis S. Pilcher,[1] Brooklyn, N. Y 1921
James W. Willett, Tama,[1] Iowa 1922
Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, Ohio (died Aug. 25, 1930) 1923
Louis F. Arensberg,[1] [2] East Millsboro, Pa 1924
John B. Inman, Illinois (died Dec. 15, 1929) 1925
Frank A. Walsh, Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932) 1926
Elbridge L. Hawk, California and Nevada (died Aug. 13, 1930) 1927
John Reese, [1] [3] Broken Bow, Nebr 1928
Edwin J. Foster,[1] Worcester, Mass 1929
James E. Jewel,[1] Fort Morgan, Colo 1930

[1] Present. [2] National council of administration. [3] Judge advocate general.

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

James B. McKean, New York (died Jan. 6, 1879) 1866–67
Joshua T. Owen, Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887) 1868
Lucius Fairchild, Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896) 1869–1870
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914) 1871–72
John R. Goble, New Jersey 1873
Edward Jardine, New York (died Mar. 13, 1896) 1874
Joseph S. Reynolds, California and Nevada (died Sept. 18, 1911) 1875–76
Elisha M. Rhodes, Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917) 1877
Paul Van Dervoort, Nebraska (died July 29, 1902) 1878
John Palmer, New York (died Apr. 15, 1905) 1879
Edgar D. Swain, Illinois (died Apr. 28, 1904) 1880
Charles L. Young, Ohio (died September, 1913) 1881
W. E. W. Ross, Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907) 1882
William Warner, Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916) 1883
John P. Rea, Minnesota (died May 28, 1900) 1884
Selden Connor, Maine (died July 9, 1917) 1885
S. W. Backus, California and Nevada (died Apr. 10, 1930) 1886
Nelson Cole, Missouri (died July 31, 1899) 1887
Moses H. Neil, Ohio 1888
A. G. Weissert, Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923) 1889
Richard F. Tobin, Massachusetts (died in office, Nov. 22, 1890) 1890
George H. Innis, Massachusetts (elected Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907) 1891
Henry W. Duffield, Michigan (died July 13, 1912) 1891
R. H. Warfield, California and Nevada (died July 19, 1906) 1892
Ivan N. Walker, Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905) 1893
A. P. Burchfield, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910) 1894
E. H. Hobson, Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901) 1895
John H. Mullen, Minnesota (died Apr. 3, 1907) 1896
Alfred Lyth, New York (died Dec. 15, 1924) 1897
W. C. Johnson, Ohio (elected commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899; died Apr. 27, 1917) 1898
Daniel Ross, Delaware (elected Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916) 1899
Irvin Robbins, Indiana (died Feb. 29, 1911) 1899
Edwin C. Milliken, Maine (died Oct. 21, 1921) 1900
John McElroy, Potomac (died Oct. 12, 1929) 1901
William M. Olin, Massachusetts (died Apr. 18, 1911) 1902
C. Mason Kinne, California and Nevada (died Dec. 25, 1913) 1903
John R. King,[4] Baltimore, Md. (elected commander in chief July 17, 1905) 1904
George W. Patten, Tennessee (promoted July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906) 1905
George W. Cook, Colorado and Wyoming (died Dec. 17, 1916) 1905
William A. Armstrong, Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914) 1906
Lewis E. Griffith, New York (died Oct. 6, 1912) 1907
J. Kent Hamilton, Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1918) 1908
William M. Bostaph, San Leandro, Calif 1909
Charles Burrows, Rutherford, N. J 1910
Nicholas W. Day, New York (died Mar. 6, 1916) 1911
Henry Z. Osborne, California and Nevada (died March, 1923) 1912
Thomas H. Soward, Oklahoma (died Aug. 12, 1918) 1913
Joseph B. Griswold, Michigan (died in office, Mar. 9, 1915) 1914
William F. Connor, Texas (promoted Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1. 1919) 1915
George H. Slaybaugh, Potomac (died Feb. 9, 1929) 1915
William H. Wornstead, Marblehead, Mass 1916
John L. Clem, Washington, D. C 1917
John G. Chambers, Portland, Oreg 1918
Charles B. Wilson, California and Nevada (died December, 1928) 1919
George A. Hosley, Massachusetts (died May 13, 1930) 1920
Robert W. McBride, Indiana died May 15, 1926) 1921
C. S. Brodbent, Texas (died Apr. 23, 1931) 1922
Frank A. Walsh, Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932) 1923
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Massachusetts (died Nov. 13, 1930) 1924
Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich 1925
A. G. Beatty, Iowa (died Nov. 17, 1928) 1926
Calvin A. Brainard,[1] Buffalo, N. Y 1927

[1] Present.

[4] Past commander in chief.

James E. Jewel, [1] [2] Fort Morgan, Colo 1928
Charles E. Nason,[1] Portland, Me 1929
Jacob Secrest, [1] Cincinnati, Ohio 1930

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

Robert S. Foster, Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903) 1866
Joseph R. Hawley, Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905) 1867–1869
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914) 1870
James Coey, California (died July 14, 1918) 1871
J. Warren Keifer, Ohio (died Apr. 22, 1932) 1872
Edward Ferguson, Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901) 1873
Guy T. Gould, Illinois (died Mar. 4, 1919) 1874
Charles J. Buckbee, Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896) 1875–76
William Earnshaw, Ohio (died July 17, 1885) 1877
Herbert E. Hill, Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892) 1878
Harrison Dingman, Potomac (died Sept. 26, 1925) 1879
George Bowers, New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884) 1880
C. V. R. Pond, Michigan (died June 9, 1912) 1881
I. S. Bangs, Maine (died May 30, 1903) 1882
Walter H. Holmes, California and Nevada (died Mar. 26, 1889) 1883
Ira E. Hicks, Connecticut (died Mar. 23, 1919) 1884
John R. Lewis, Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900) 1885
Edgar Allen, Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904) 1886
John C. Lineham, New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905) 1887
Joseph Hadfield, New York 1888
John F. Lovett, New Jersey (died ———) 1889
George B. Creamer, Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896) 1890
T. S. Clarkson, Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915) 1891
Peter B. Ayars, Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904) 1892
J. C. Bigger, Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900) 1893
Charles H. Shute, Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907) 1894
S. G. Cosgrove, Washington and Alaska (died Mar. 28, 1909) 1895
Charles W. Buckley, Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906) 1896
Francis B. Allen, Connecticut (died July 26, 1921) 1897
Daniel Ross, Delaware (senior vice, Sept. 6, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916) 1898
Michael Minton, Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911) 1899
Frank Seaman, Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910) 1900
James O'Donnell, Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910) 1901
James P. Averill, Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904) 1902
Harry C. Kessler, Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907) 1903
George N. Patton, Tennessee (senior vice, July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906) 1904
Ephraim B. Stillings, Massachusetts (elected Sept. 4, 1905; died Dec. 30, 1917) 1905
Silas H. Towler, Minnesota (died Apr. 23, 1930) 1905
E. B. Fenton, Michigan (died Nov. 19, 1927) 1906
William M. Scott, Georgia (died Aug. 29, 1928) 1907
Charles C. Royce, Potomac (died Feb. 11, 1923) 1908
Alfred B. Beers, Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920) 1909
William James, Florida (died Dec. 11, 1923) 1910
William A. Ogden, Kansas (died Oct. 31, 1914) 1911
Americus Whedon, Kentucky (died Oct. 18, 1921) 1912
A. S. Fowler, Arkansas (died Oct. 18, 1922) 1913
W. F. Conner, Texas (senior vice, Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919) 1914
Oscar A. Janes,[4] Detroit, Mich. (elected Apr. 1, 1915) 1915
Le Vant Dodge, Kentucky (died Mar. 6, 1925) 1915
E. K. Russ,[5] Louisiana (died Jan., 1928) 1916
John M. Vernon, Illinois (died Nov. 20, 1921) 1917
Charles H. Haber, Virginia (died Nov. 30, 1927) 1918
Isidore Isaacs, New York (died Feb. 18, 1924) 1919
J. E. Gandy,[2] Spokane, Wash 1920
Henry A. Johnson, Washington, D. C 1921

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[4] Past commander in chief.
[5] Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

C. V. Gardner, South Dakota (died Dec. 15, 1930) 1922
George T. Leech,[1] Baltimore, Md 1923
John Reese,[1] [3] Broken Bow, Nebr 1924
William O. Allen, New Jersey (died ———) 1925
Charles H. Haskins,[1] Los Angeles, Calif 1926
Samuel E. Mahan,[1] [2] St. Paul, Minn 1927
Henry J. Kearney, Jersey City, N. J 1928
James W. Shields,[1] Boise, Idaho 1929
Charles H. Lewis, Pawtucket, R. I 1930

PAST SURGEONS GENERAL (LIVING)

Lewis S. Pilcher,[4] Brooklyn, N. Y 1914
Chester M. Ferrin, Burlington, Vt 1918
Charles W. Burrill, Kansas City, Mo 1920, 1923, 1926
Marshall W. Wood, Boise, Idaho 1921
Joseph E. Hall, Portland, Oreg 1924
John Gilbert, Fall River, Mass 1925
Henry A. Johnson,[6] Washington, D. C 1927
Edward H. Cowan, Crawfordsville, Ind 1929–30

PAST CHAPLAINS IN CHIEF (LIVING)

W. A. Bosworth,[1] Wichita, Kans 1920
Robert W. Hill,[1] Albany, N. Y 1926
J. King Gibson,[1] Dayton, Ohio 1927–1929
Henry Hilton Wood,[1] Long Beach, Calif 1930

PAST ADJUTANTS GENERAL (LIVING)

Henry J. Seeley, Bridgeport, Conn 1912
Oscar A. Janes,[7] Detroit, Mich 1913
John P. Risley,[1] Des Moines, Iowa 1922
Samuel P. Town,[1] [8] Philadelphia, Pa 1924
H. B. Davidson, Springfield, Ill 1925
George W. Morton, Berlin, Wis 1927
M. K. Hagadorn, Broken Bow, Nebr 1929

PAST QUARTERMASTERS GENERAL (LIVING)

Charles Burrows,[7] Rutherford, N. J 1897, 1900–1904, 1906–07

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[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Judge advocate general.
[4] Past commander in chief.
[6] Past junior vice commander in chief.
[7] Past senior vice commander in chief.
[8] Commander in chief.

DEPARTMENTS

[The figures within parentheses indicate the number of each department in the order of permanent organization]

ALABAMA (42)

[Organized June 26, 1876; reorganized March 12, 1899. Membership, December 31, 1931, 11. Posts, 2]

Department commander..... CHARLES E. JONES,[1 2] Tuscaloosa.
Senior vice department commander..... FRANK MCCLOUD, Fairhope.
Junior vice department commander..... LYMAN C. REDFIELD, Birmingham.
Assistant adjutant general..... GEORGE F. JACKSON, Birmingham.

REPRESENTATIVE

Lewis Herman, New Orleans, La.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Cornelius Cadle,[3] 1868–1870.
Datus E. Coon,[3] 1871.
George H. Patrick,[3] 1871–1880.
F. G. Sheppard,[3] 1889.
Seymour Bullock,[3] 1890.
A. B. Hayes,[3] 1891.
William Snyder,[3] 1892.
J. Clyde Millar,[3] 1893.
Charles W. Buckley,[3] 1894.
Manoah Bostick,[3] 1895.
George Wollenhaupt,[3] 1896.
W. H. Black,[3] 1897.
A. G. Bethard,[3] 1898.
A. P. Stone,[3] 1899.
George B. Randolph,[3] 1900.
G. F. Jackson,[4] Birmingham, 1901.
E. D. Bacon,[3] 1902.
R. H. Allison,[3] 1903.
Henry Chairsell,[3] 1904.
A. G. Negley,[3] 1905.
A. N. Ballard,[3] 1906.
W. M. Campbell,[3] 1907.
Charles E. Peck, 1908 (died in office).
C. A. Cook,[3] 1908.
Thomas R. Gockel,[2] 1909.
Henry M. Austin, Birmingham, 1910.
Charles C. Chapin,[3] 1911.
W. H. Brooks,[3] 1912.
Joseph Greenwood,[3] 1913.
Anson B. Culver,[3] 1914.
Charles A. Mange,[3] 1915.
J. J. Powers,[3] 1916.
E. F. Quinn,[3] 1917.
Isaac W. Higgs,[3] 1918.
A. W. Fulghum,[3] 1919.
John A. Barr,[3] 1920.
James Ashworth, Birmingham, 1921.
Chester K. Roe,[3] 1922.
George Hoenig,[3] 1923.
Henry F. Dodd,[3] 1924.
Frank McCloud,[5] Fairhope, 1925.
W. W. Clapp,[3] 1926.
Littleton W. Williams,[2] 1927.
William Rife, Citronelle, 1928–29.
Lyman C. Redfield,[6] Birmingham, 1930.
Charles E. Jones,[2] Tuscaloosa, 1931.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Thomas Barr, New Orleans, La.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[4] Assistant adjutant general.
[5] Senior vice department commander.
[6] Junior vice department commander.

ARKANSAS (31)

[Organized July 11, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1931, 22. Posts, 4]

Department commander..... Samuel E. Henderson,[1] Little Rock.
Senior vice department commander..... W. B. Brown,[1] Bauxite.
Junior vice department commander..... M. C. Stouteagle, Little Rock.
Assistant adjutant general..... John Q. Hays,[2] Little Rock.

REPRESENTATIVE

Alonzo A. Todd, Little Rock

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Stephen Wheeler,[3] 1883–84.
C. M. Barnes,[3] 1885.
C. C. Waters,[3] 1886.
Thomas Boles,[3] 1887.
S. K. Robinson,[3] 1888.
A. S. Fowler,[3] 1889–90.
W. H. H. Clayton,[3] 1891.
Powell Clayton,[3] 1892.
Logan H. Roots,[3] 1893.
Thomas H. Barnes,[3] 1893–94.
William C. Roberts,[3] 1895.
O. H. Spellman,[3] 1896.
A. H. Soekland,[3] 1897.
W. G. Gray,[3] 1898.
George W. Clark,[3] 1899.
A. L. Thompson,[3] 1900.
W. G. Akers,[3] 1901.
J. H. Avery,[3] 1902–03.
Edward T. Wolfe,[3] 1904.
W. S. Bartholomew,[3] 1905.
John W. Lane,[3] 1906.
Cos Altenberg,[3] 1907.
Charles E. Newman,[3] 1908.
A. Y. Killingsworth,[3] 1909.
J. M. McClintock,[3] 1910.
R. J. Maxson,[3] 1911.
F. W. Tucker,[3] 1912.
A. S. Fowler,[3] 1913–14.
Charles C. Warner,[3] 1915.
H. F. Wallace,[3] 1916.
O. J. Kyler,[3] 1917.
Horace Wyman,[3] 1918.
Samuel Henderson,[7] Little Rock, 1919.
Jacob E. Leas,[3] 1920.
George W. Clark,[3] 1921.
C. H. Parish,[3] 1922.
George W. Clark,[3] 1923.
Orin Parker, Bentonville, 1924.
M. C. Stouteagle,[8] Little Rock, 1925.
John Q. Hays,[2] Little Rock, 1926–27.
Samuel Henderson,[7] 1928–29.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Newt Eagle, Little Rock, 1928

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

W. J. Osborn, Siloam Springs, 1929

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)

[Organized February 21, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1931, 1,162. Posts 67]

Department commander..... J. S. Dumser,[1] Oakland.
Senior vice department commander..... O. H. Mennet,[1] Los Angeles.
Junior vice department commander..... Jesse Milliken,[1] Lodi.
Assistant adjutant general..... F. R. Young,[1] Oakland.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[7] Department commander.
[8] Junior vice department commander.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES

George W. Hall,[1] Orange.
Ashford Singenfelter,[1] Los Angeles.
Frank J. Hazleton, Los Angeles.
Samuel N. Baker, Santa Monica.
Matthew D. Grimes,[1] National Soldiers' Home.
George N. Lockwood,[1] Los Angeles.
A. S. Stinson, San Diego.
James McConnell, Biggs.
Robert Lyon, Pasadena.
Charles McDonald, Los Angeles.
Samuel R. Yoho, San Francisco.
S. R. Chaffee, San Francisco.
W. H. Donnelly, Pasadena.
James G. Jeffers, Los Angeles.
W. M. O'Farrell, San Diego.
R. N. Taylor,[1] Glendale.
James Dixon,[1] Long Beach.
P. S. Lynch, San Bernardino.
Martin L. Guth, Oakland.
Fred Uecke, Los Angeles.
Robert G. Blair, Los Angeles.
John McGibbon, Orange.
E. F. Walker, Los Angeles.
E. G. Wilkinson,[1] Stockton.

ALTERNATES

James Carter,[1] Los Angeles.
Herman Hilcher, San Diego.
J. S. Willson,[1] Los Angeles.
G. W. Scitz, Los Angeles.
David Reed,[1] Whittier.
R. H. Shifflett, Long Beach.
Evan T. Evans,[1] Los Angeles.
Andrew Britton,[1] Oakland.
G. W. Clark,[1] Fresno.
Andrew H. Cain,[1] Los Angeles.
Charles Heacox,[1] Los Angeles.
W. R. Laybourn,[1] Long Beach.
W. W. Britton,[1] Los Angeles.
Comrade Ord,[1] Seal Beach.
C. H. Williams,[1] Yountville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John F. Miller [3] (provisional), 1867.
James Coey,[3] 1868–69.
W. L. Campbell,[3] 1870.
W. E. McArthur,[3] 1871–72.
W. H. Aiken,[3] 1873–74.
A. Carlson,[3] 1875.
A. C. Bagley,[3] 1876.
S. W. Backus,[3] 1877.
S. P. Ford,[3] 1878–79.
C. Mason Kinne,[3] 1880–81.
W. A. Robinson,[3] 1882.
J. W. Staples,[3] 1883.
James M. Davis,[3] 1884.
R. H. Warfield,[3] 1885.
W. R. Smedburg,[3] 1886.
E. S. Salomon,[3] 1887.
T. H. Goodman,[3] 1888.
George E. Gard,[3] 1889.
A. J. Buckles,[3] 1890.
W. H. L. Barnes,[3] 1891.
J. B. Fuller,[3] 1892.
E. C. Seymour,[3] 1893.
J. M. Walling,[3] 1894.
C. E. Wilson,[3] 1895.
T. C. Masteller,[10] 1896.
N. P. Chipman,[3] 1897.
Sol Cahen,[3] 1898.
A. F. Dill,[3] 1899.
George M. Mott,[3] 1900.
George Stone,[3] 1901.
W. G. Hawley,[3] 1902.
William R. Shafter,[3] 1903.
Charles T. Rice,[3] 1904.
W. W. Russell,[3] 1905.
William C. Alberger,[3] 1906.
William G. Waters,[3] 1907.
Samuel Merrill,[3] 1908.
W. S. Daubenspeck,[3] 1909.
E. L. Hawk,[3] 1910.
H. V. Parker,[3] 1911.
W. R. Thomas,[3] 1912.
G. M. Stormout,[3] 1913.
B. B. Tuttle,[3] 1914.
Hiram P. Thompson,[3] 1915.
A. E. Leavitt,[3] 1916.
C. H. Haskins,[1 9] Los Angeles, 1917.
John H. Roberts,[3] 1918.
R. C. Martin,[1 6] Los Angeles, 1919.
George D. Kellogg,[3] 1920 (died in office).
G. M. Burlingame,[3] 1920.
William H. Noll,[3] 1921.
S. W. Hopkins,[3] 1922.
James R. Milner,[3] 1923.
George W. Grannis,[3] 1924.
C. S. Stoddard,[3] 1925.
Peter H. Mass, San Francisco, 1926.
W. A. Packard,[1] Los Angeles, 1927.
H. H. Woodruff,[3] 1928.
Darwin B. Wolcott, Los Angeles, 1929.
John C. Chapman, San Francisco, 1930.
A. E. Vest,[1] San Diego, 1931.

[1] Present.
[3] Deceased.
[6] Junior vice commander in chief.
[9] Past junior vice commander in chief.
[10] Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

J. Clyde Millar,[3] 1893, transferred from Alabama.
George Hoxworth,[3] 1897, transferred from Arizona.
James P. Rhodes, Los Angeles, 1920, transferred from Arizona.
D. P. Kyle,[3] 1921, transferred from Arizona.
H. F. Wallace,[3] 1916, transferred from Arkansas.
U. S. Hollister,[3] 1897, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
R. H. Mellette,[3] 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
P. Q. Stoner,[3] 1913, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.
Silas Wilson,[3] 1919, transferred from Idaho.
Joseph S. Reynolds,[3] 1877, transferred from Illinois.
John J. Steadman, Hollywood, 1892, transferred from Iowa.
O. H. Coulter,[3] 1899, transferred from Kansas.
Perry H. Manchester,[3] 1900, transferred from Montana.
A. V. Cole, Long Beach, 1885, transferred from Nebraska.
Clarendon E. Adams,[3] 1895, transferred from Nebraska.
John W. Edwards, San Diego, 1902, transferred from New Mexico.
H. B. Steward,[1] Santa Monica, 1910, transferred from New Mexico.
John C. Gipson, San Diego, 1902, transferred from New York.
William A. Bentley,[3] 1891, transferred from North Dakota.
J. P. Cummings,[3] 1894, transferred from Oklahoma.
James E. Burns,[3] 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.
W. H. Hornaday, Veterans' Home, 1907, transferred from Oklahoma.
W. S. Tilton, Burbank, 1920, transferred from Oklahoma.
M. V. Lucas,[3] 1884–1886, transferred from South Dakota.
E. T. Langley,[3] 1890, transferred from South Dakota.
Philip Lawrence, Pomona, 1900, transferred from South Dakota.
Thomas E. Blanchard,[3] 1902, transferred from South Dakota.
M. A. Breeden,[3] 1900, transferred from Utah.
William H. Bostaph,[11] San Leandro, 1902, transferred from Utah.
Frank M. Davis,[3] 1904, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
W. H. Wiscombe,[3] 1910, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
John J. See, Pasadena, 1917, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
O. D. McDonald,[3] 1920, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
A. H. DeGroff,[3] 1901, transferred from Wisconsin.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George W. Herr, Sacramento, 1909. | John T. Nourse, San Francisco, 1922.

John J. Ogle, San Diego, 1915, transferred from Indiana.
Charles H. Hall, Santa Monica, 1899, transferred from Pennsylvania.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Wm. H. Wharff,[1] Berkeley, 1890.
Barney Brown,[1] Long Beach, 1917.
Alden B. Willey, Vallejo, 1918.
S. W. Sutton, Santa Ana, 1924.
Simon Price, Long Beach, 1931.

W. H. Sallada, Los Angeles, 1884, transferred from Iowa.
Julius S. Smith, San Diego, 1899, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
H. S. Clyde, Modesto, 1912, transferred from Oregon.

[1] Present.
[3] Deceased.
[11] Past senior vice commander in chief.

COLORADO AND WYOMING (21)

[Organized as the Department of Colorado in 1868; reorganized in 1876 as Departmentt of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado, July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming, August 28, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1931, 221. Posts, 14]

Department commander—ALBA J. RAWSON,[1] [2] Denver.
Senior vice department commander—E. E. MCNUTT,[1] Denver.
Junior vice department commander—N. BENTON YACKEY,[1] Pueblo.
Assistant adjutant general—LEWIS H. EASTERLY,[1] Gunnison.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
R. A. Cockins,[1] Denver, Colo.	S. H. Cockins, Basin, Wyo.
A. A. Mahar,[1] Cheyenne, Wyo.	S. M. Stout, Basin, Wyo.
George A. Coburn,[1] Denver, Colo.	
George R. Metz.[1] Fort Collins, Colo.	
J. B. Ewans,[1] Fort Collins, Colo.	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Frederick J., Bancroft,[3] 1876.
Andrew W. Taylor,[3] 1878–79.
John W. Donnellan,[3] 1880–1882.
Eugene K. Stimson, 1882–83.
Byron L. Carr,[3] 1884.
Aninman V. Bohn,[3] 1885.
Henry Bowman,[3] 1886.
George Ady,[3] 1887.
John W. Browning,[3] 1888.
Thomas J. Fisher,[3] 1889.
Delos L. Holden,[3] 1890.
George W. Cook,[3] 1891.
John C. Kennedy,[3] 1892.
Myron W. Reed,[3] 1893.
Nathaniel Rollins,[3] 1894.
Nicholas J. O'Brien,[3] 1895.
Horace O. Dodge,[1] 1896.
U. S. Hollister,[3] 1897 (see California and Nevada).
William T. S. May,[3] 1898.
Andrew Royal,[3] 1899.
Harper M. Orahood,[3] 1900.
Linus E. Sherman,[3] 1901.
James W. Huff,[3] 1902.
Harrison S. Vaughn,[3] 1903.
Thomas J. Downen,[3] 1904.
George W. Curfman,[3] 1905.
Loren C. Dana,[3] 1906.
Richard H. Mellette,[3] 1907 (see California and Nevada).
Henry C. Watson,[3] 1908.
John W. Wingate,[3] 1909.
William W. Ferguson,[3] 1910 (died in office).
William H. McDonald,[3] 1910.
Dexter T. Sapp, 1911.[3]
Henry M. Minor,[3] 1912.
Cyrus A. Brooks,[5] 1913.
O. S. Reed,[3] 1914.
Frank O. Burdick,[3] 1915.
James Moynahan,[3] 1916.
William H. Comstock,[3] 1917.
Asa Curl,[3] 1918.
Carol M. Bills,[3] 1919.
Marshall S. Crawford,[3] 1920.
James E. Jewel,[1] [12] Fort Morgan, 1921.
Samuel J. Capps,[3] 1922 (died in office).
A. W. Hogle,[3] 1923.
William Butler,[3] 1923.
J. C. Plank,[3] 1924.
J. L. Randall,[1] Denver, 1925.
W. M. Robertson,[3] 1926.
J. E. Laycock,[1] Manitou, 1927.
C. Ricketts,[1] Boulder, 1928.
W. E. Moses,[3] 1929 (died in office).
R. Q. Tenney,[3] 1929.
David N. Heiser,[3] 1930.
E. C. Condit,[3] Denver, 1931.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. M. Lawrence, Homelake, 1922.
A. H. Miles,[3] Denver, 1927.
A. B. Pope,[1] Laramie, Wyo., 1929.
Tobias Mattox,[1] Greeley, 1931.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

A. A. Baxter, Denver, 1920.
E. E. Fitch, Laramie, Wyo., 1921.
(2) A. Minneair,[3] Denver, 1926.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[12] Past commander in chief.

CONNECTICUT (6)

[Organized April 11, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1931, 178. Posts, 38]

Department commander.....LEWIS L. BAKER,[1] New London.
Senior vice department commander.....LYMAN H. CALL, [1] Meriden.
Junior vice department commander.....EBENEZER N. JARVIS, [1] Stamford.
Assistant adjutant general.....EDWARD T. ABBOTT, [1] Bridgeport.

REPRESENTATIVES

Truman N. Parsons,[1] Stratford.
Henry L. Lankton,[1] Wethersfield.
Chas. L. Russell,[1] Milldale.
George Lyon,[1] Ansonia.
Charles W. Gesner,[1] New Haven.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward Harland,[3] 1867.
Theodore G. Ellis,[3] 1868–69.
William H. Mallory,[3] 1870–71.
L. A. Dickinson,[3] 1872–73.
Charles S. Buckbee,[3] 1874–75.
William E. Disbrow,[3] 1876–77.
Frank G. Otis,[3] 1878.
Frank E. Fowler,[3] 1878–79.
George S. Smith,[3] 1880.
Alfred B. Beers,[3] 1881.
Ira E. Hicks,[3] 1882.
Isaac B. Hyatt,[3] 1883.
William Berry,[3] 1884.
Frank D. Sloat,[3] 1885.
John T. Crary,[3] 1886.
Henry E. Taintor,[3] 1887.
Samuel B. Horne,[3] 1888.
William H. Pierpont,[3] 1889.
John C. Broatch,[3] 1890.
Henry N. Fanton,[3] 1891.
Benajah P. Smith,[3] 1892.
Wilbur F. Rogers,[3] 1893.
Selah G. Blakeman,[3] 1894.
John M. Brewer,[3] 1895.
Oscar W. Cornish,[3] 1896.
Gustav D. Bates,[3] 1897.
William Simonds,[3] 1898.
Henry R. Jones,[3] 1899.
John K. Bucklyn,[3] 1900.
Thomas Boudren,[3] 1901.
N. Burton Rogers,[3] 1902.
Morgan G. Bulkeley,[3] 1903.
William C. Hilliard,[3] 1904.
Albert A. May,[3] 1905.
Virgil F. McNeil,[3] 1906.
Charles A. Appel,[3] 1907.
Edward Griswold,[3] 1908.
George Haven, New London, 1909.
Edson S. Bishop,[3] 1910.
Richard J. Cutbill,[3] 1911.
William H. Dougal,[3] 1912.
James R. Sloane,[3] 1913.
Fred V. Streeter,[3] 1914.
Charles Griswold,[3] 1915.
Henry J. Seeley,[13] Bridgeport, 1916.
Benjamin H. Cheney,[3] 1917.
Christian Quien,[3] 1918.
George T. Meech, Middletown, 1919.
Randolph Williamson,[3] 1920.
Christian Swartz, Norwalk, 1921.
Orrin M. Price,[3] 1922.
John L. Saxe,[3] 1923.
Ira R. Wildman,[1] [14] Danbury, 1924.
James W. Davis,[3] 1925.
James R. Young,[3] 1926.
Charles M. Shailer,[3] 1927.
George A. Tucker,[1] [2] New Haven, 1928.
James Haggerty,[1] Willimantic, 1929.
Frank A. Cargill,[3] 1930.
Henry W. Burrill,[1] Hartford, 1931.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Nathan Coe, Newington, 1930

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[13] Past adjutant general.
[14] Inspector general.

DELAWARE (23)

[Organized January 14, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1931, 19. Posts, 3]

Department commander---------- James T. Twigg, Wilmington.
Senior vice department commander------ Wm. H. Patterson, Frederica.
Junior vice department commander------ James Lynn,[2] Wilmington.
Assistant adjutant general---------- Richard G. Buckingham, Newark.

REPRESENTATIVE

Charles R. Griffith, Wilmington.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William S. McNair,[3] 1881.
John Wainwright,[3] 1882.
Daniel Ross,[3] 1883.
C. M. Carey,[3] 1884.
J. S. Litzenberg,[3] 1885.
J. M. Dunn,[3] 1886.
J. E. Mowbrey,[3] 1887.
R. G. Buckingham,[4] Newark, 1888.
Peter B. Ayars,[3] 1889.
Samuel Lewis,[3] 1890.
A. J. Woodman,[3] 1891.
G. W. Stradley,[3] 1892.
B. D. Bogia,[3] 1893.
J. E. Vantine,[3] 1894.
E. F. Wood,[3] 1895.
William B. Norton,[3] 1896.
J. S. Bradley,[3] 1897.
Robert Liddell,[3] 1898.
William H. Moystin,[3] 1899.
William A. Reilly,[3] 1900.
John W. Worall,[3] 1901.
John C. Garner,[3] 1902.
William G. Baugh, sr.,[3] 1903.
William Kelley, jr.,[3] 1904.
William Tharp,[3] 1905.
Ira Lunt,[3] 1906.
Jesse Hellings,[2] 1907.
H. W. Perkins,[3] 1908.
William H. Blake,[3] 1909.
George C. Morton,[3] 1910.
William Mendenhall,[3] 1911.
Jesse K. Baylis,[3] 1912.
J. R. Armstrong,[3] 1913.
J. T. Rheims,[3] 1914.
John P. Riley, Wilmington, 1915.
S. Sheward Johnson,[3] 1916.
J. T. Alexander,[3] 1917.
Orrin J. Cook,[3] 1918.
R. Harry Williams,[3] 1919.
C. A. W. Frishmuth, Jersey City, N. J., 1920.
William A. Truitt,[3] 1921.
Charles Zerby, Wilmington, 1922.
Nathaniel L. Henderson,[3] 1923.
Charles R. Lewis,[3] 1924.
William H. Middleton,[3] 1925.
Richard D. Buckingham,[4] Newark, 1926.
William Buckius, Wilmington, 1927.
Charles S. Waters,[3] 1928.
James T. Twigg,[7] Wilmington, 1929.
James Lynn,[2] Wilmington, 1930.
Mose S. Weil,[3] 1931 (died in office).
James Lynn,[2] Wilmington, 1931.

[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[4] Assistant adjutant general.
[7] Department commander.

FLORIDA (36)

[Organized June 19, 1884. Membership December 31, 1931, 184. Posts, 8]

Department commander—LOGAN L. DYKE,[1] St. Cloud.
Senior vice department commander—M. M. KENNEY,[1] Tampa.
Junior vice department commander—WILLIAM JUBB,[1] St. Petersburg.
Assistant adjutant general—J. P. BLOOD,[1] St. Cloud.

REPRESENTATIVES

M. H. Monahan,[1] Tampa.
William Monroe, Miami.
L. J. Duke, St. Cloud.
John Forward, Lakeland.
D. P. Backer, Zephyrhills.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. S. Wilmarth,[3] 1884–85.
G. H. Norton,[3] 1886.
E. W. Henck,[3] 1887.
William James,[3] 1888.
J. W. V. R. Plummer,[3] 1889.
Fred S. Goodrich,[10] 1890.
John H. Welsh,[10] Miami, 1891.
J. De V. Hazzard,[3] 1892.
George F. Foote,[3] 1893.
David L. Way,[3] 1894.
P. E. McMurray,[3] 1895.
L. V. Jennes,[3] 1896.
Charles M. Ellis,[3] 1897.
George Packwood,[3] 1898.
Edwin Kirby,[3] 1899.
J. S. Fairhead,[3] 1900.
F. C. Parcell,[3] 1901.
S. Herbert Lancy,[3] 1902.
J. F. Chase,[3] 1903.
Henry Marcotte,[3] 1904.
Thomas J. Owen,[3] 1905.
William E. Emerson,[3] 1906.
Samuel W. Fox,[3] 1907.
S. R. Hudson,[3] 1908.
James Skinner,[3] 1909.
James O. Thompson,[3] 1910.
Joseph Bumby,[3] 1911.
William P. Lynch,[3] 1912.
William S. Siggins,[3] 1913.
Lyman Leighton,[3] 1914.
James F. Bullard,[3] 1915.
W. H. Melrath,[3] 1916.
John A. Wallace,[3] 1917.
H. B. Jeffries,[15] Zephyrhills, 1918.
Theodore W. B. Brake[3] (died in office). 1919.
George E. Field,[3] 1919.
Imri A. Spencer,[15] St. Petersburg, 1920.
G. W. Brown,[1 3] St. Cloud, 1921.
C. J. Rose,[15] Miami, 1922.
Samuel Sage,[3] 1923.
James Campbell, St. Cloud, 1924.
A. C. Shaffer[3] (died in office), 1925.
J. A. Brown[3] (died in office), 1925.
J. H. DeGraw,[15] St. Cloud, 1926.
A. R. Sawyer,[3] 1926.
Wayne W. Blossom,[15] Tampa, 1927.
D. S. Hunter,[15] Miami, 1928.
A. W. Lathrop,[15] St. Cloud, 1929.
C. E. Beach,[1] St. Petersburg, 1930.
James H. Simpson,[15] Zephyrhills, 1931.

S. H. Wood,[3] 1905, transferred from Vermont.
C. E. Beach,[15] St. Petersburg, 1908, transferred from Vermont.
A. P. Rounseville,[3] 1895, transferred from North Dakota.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

D. C. Thomas, St. Petersburg, 1923.
C. R. Parker, Zephyrhills, 1928.

GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA (41)

[Organized January 25, 1889. Membership December 31, 1931, 11. Posts, 3]

Department commander—J. F. MCGREGOR, Fitzgerald.
Senior vice department commander—CHARLES R. HASKINS, Atlanta.
Junior vice department commander—JOHN BUCHER, Fitzgerald.
Assistant adjutant general—J. W. HOWDER, Fitzgerald.

[1] Present.
[3] Deceased.
[10] Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.
[15] Department commander, 1930.

GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John R. Lewis,[3] 1889.
David Porter,[3] 1890.
A. E. Sholes,[3] 1891. (*See* New York.)
Thos. F. Gleason,[3] 1892–93.
C. J. Watson,[3] 1894.
L. B. Nelson,[3] 1895.
John L. Clem,[11] Washington, D. C., 1896. (*See* Potomac.)
James P. Averill,[3] 1897.
James O. Ladd,[3] 1898.
Alexander Mattison,[3] 1899.
S. A. Darnell,[3] 1900.
Lewis Thayer,[3] 1901.
W. M. Scott,[3] 1902.
F. D. Lee,[3] 1903.
James A. Commerford,[3] 1904.
Charles F. Fairbanks,[3] 1905.
Wm. H. Kimball,[3] 1906.
C. P. Webster,[3] 1907.
Leander Scott,[3] 1908.
Chas. R. Haskins,[5] Atlanta, Ga., 1909.
S. Clay Brown,[3] 1910.
F. A. Jones,[3] 1911.
C. H. Brooks,[3] 1912.
P. Q. Stoner,[3] 1913. (*See* California and Nevada.)
I. C. Wade,[3] 1914.
W. R. Todd,[3] 1915.
R. S. Smith,[3] 1916.
G. E. Whitman,[3] 1917.
W. P. Randall,[3] 1918.
J. M. Mosher,[3] 1919.
Ira M. Swartz,[3] 1920.
C. J. Hitch,[3] 1921.
A. M. Crosby,[3] 1922.
Patrick Ryan,[3] 1923.
C. W. Morrell [3] (died in office), 1924.
Charles H. Cox, Atlanta, Ga., 1924.
Darius Nelson,[3] 1925.
B. F. Pim,[3] 1926.
J. W. Howder,[1 4] Fitzgerald, Ga., 1927.
Darius Nelson,[3] 1928.
J. F. McGregor,[7] Fitzgerald, Ga., 1929–1931.

IDAHO (39)

[Organized January 11, 1888. Membership, December 31, 1931, 73. Posts, 9]

Department commander—JEREMIAH WILLIAMS, Boise.
Senior vice department commander—T. W. JOHNSTON, Moscow.
Junior vice department commander—ELISHA WHITE, Boise.
Assistant adjutant general—JAMES W. SHIELDS,[1 9] Boise.

REPRESENTATIVES

Joseph T. Sprague, Boise.
E. A. Paddock.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Nye,[3] 1888.
A. S. Senter,[3] 1889.
W. T. Riley,[3] 1890.
Judson Spofford,[1] Boise, 1891.
A. O. Ingalls,[3] 1892.
R. H. Barton,[3] 1893.
T. J. Groome,[3] 1894.
D. H. Budlong,[3] 1895.
J. L. Fuller, Shoshone, 1896.
Lindol Smith,[3] 1897.
N. F. Kimball,[3] 1898.
S. L. Thompson,[3] 1899.
Charles A. Clark,[3] 1900.
William C. Maxey,[3] 1901.
George M. Parsons,[3] 1902.
E. S. Whittier,[3] 1903.
C. F. Drake,[3] 1904.
George A. Manning,[3] 1905.
Alfred Anderson,[3] 1906.
A. M. Rowe,[3] 1907.
William K. Jameson,[3] 1908.
Stewart Young,[3] 1909.
Willard White,[3] 1910.
M. W. Wood,[16] Boise, 1911.
J. W. Shields,[1 9] Twin Falls, 1912.
A. G. Nettleton,[3] 1913.
H. J. Newhouse,[3] 1914.
William H. Cable,[3] 1915.
R. H. Barnes, Long Beach, Calif., 1916.
George F. Kimery, [3] 1917.
F. T. Page,[3] 1918.
Silas Wilson,[3] 1919. (See California and Nevada.)
John Carr,[3] 1920.
William S. Hawkes,[3] 1921.
William Bower,[3] 1922.
F. J. Titus, Nampa, 1923.
C. L. Longley,[3] 1924.
George Gardner,[3] 1925.
John S. Thorn,[1] Boise, 1926.
R. P. Drury,[2] 1927.
W. J. Neely, Nampa, 1928.
Otto F. Steen,[3] 1929.
S. H. McCullough,[3] 1930.
W. H. Johns, Caldwell, 1931.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[4] Assistant adjutant general.
[5] Senior vice department commander.
[7] Department commander.
[9] Past junior vice commander in chief.
[11] Past senior vice commander in chief.
[16] Past surgeon general.

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PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Adam Aulbach, Murray, 1912.
G. E. Keyes, Sandpoint, 1915.
Frank Gibbon, Oak Grove, Oreg., 1917.
W. H. Johns, Caldwell, 1927.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James M. Bice,[1] Twin Falls, 1919.
J. W. Price, Parma, 1929.
George Kingsbury,[1 2] Emmett, 1931.

ILLINOIS (1)

[Organized April 6, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1931, 1,047. Posts, 151]

Department commander—HENRY C. FIRST,[1] Rock Island.
Senior vice department commander—WILLIAM O'CALLAGHAN,[1] Joliet.
Junior vice department commander—GEORGE A. ROBINSON,[1] Belvidere.
Assistant adjutant general—JAMES C. THOMAS,[1] Chicago.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
W. N. Hodge,[1] Decatur.	A. E. Gage, Chicago.
Frank Munsell,[1] Chicago.	C. L. Cureton, Chicago.
S. G. Hickok,[1] Chicago.	William H. H. Pierce, Chicago.
William Metzger,[1] Chicago.	Frank F. Stone, Chicago.
N. A. Wing,[1] Chicago.	William Odell, Chicago.
George Mason,[1] Chicago.	James Crugom, Chicago.
Charles O. Brown,[1] Oak Park.	John Carmichael, Chicago.
J. H. Reed,[1] Chicago.	John H. Campbell, Streator.
Charles W. Beam,[1] Chicago.	Thomas N. Young, Pontiac.
A. E. Lewis,[1] Georgetown.	William P. Turner, Evanston.
Charles Oakley,[1] Chicago.	J. M. Kennedy, Aurora.
E. E. Taylor,[1] Elgin.	W. W. Bean, Streator.
Henry McFarland,[1] Rockford.	N. L. Mitchell, Freeport.
Elijah Jones,[1] Springfield.	R. W. Wolever, Moline.
Marcus Beal,[1] Rock Island.	J. H. Heitland, Quincy.
George Griffith,[1] Galesburg.	S. P. Holm, Wenona.
C. B. Weston,[1] Wenona.	O. A. T. Stewart, Bloomington.
J. H. Judy,[1] Bloomington.	Fred Buy, Danville.
George W. Benson,[1] Danville.	F. B. Kemp, Decatur.
M. K. Birch,[1] Sullivan.	S. B. Hedges, Urbana.
William Morris,[1] Litchfield.	William Schutz, Springfield.
James A. Stone,[1] Farmingdale.	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Stephensen,[1] 1866.
John M. Palmer,[1] 1866–1868.
Charles E. Lippincott,[1] 1871.
Guy T. Gould,[3] 1873.
H. Hillard,[3] 1874–1876.
Joseph S. Reynolds,[3] 1877.
T. B. Coulter,[3] 1878.
Edgar D. Swain,[3] 1879–80.
J. W. Burst,[3] 1881.
Thomas G. Lawler,[3] 1882.
Samuel A. Harper,[3] 1883.
L. T. Dickason,[3] 1884.
W. W. Berry,[3] 1885.
Philip Sidney Post,[3] 1886.
A. C. Sweetser,[3] 1887.
James A. Sexton,[3] 1888.
James S. Martin,[3] 1889.
William L. Distin,[3] 1890.
Horace S. Clark,[3] 1891.
Edwin Harlan,[3] 1892.
Edwin A. Blodgett,[3] 1893.
H. H. McDowell,[3] 1894.
William H. Powell,[3] 1895.
W. G. Cochran,[3] 1896.
A. L. Schimpff,[3] 1897.
John C. Black,[3] 1898.
John B. Inman,[3] 1899.
J. M. Longnecker,[3] 1900.
N. B. Thistlewood,[3] 1901.
H. M. Trimble,[3] 1902.
Benson Wood,[3] 1903.
Robert Mann Woods,[3] 1904.
John C. Smith,[3] 1905.
Edwin H. Buck,[3] 1906.
A. C. Mathews,[3] 1907.
Joseph Rosenbaum,[3] 1908.
Philip C. Hayes,[3] 1909.
James A. Connolly,[3] 1910.

[1] Present. [2] National council of administration. [3] Deceased.

ILLINOIS—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

C. C. Duffy,[3] 1911.
Thomas H. Gault,[3] 1912.
J. H. Crowder,[1] Bethany, 1913.
Samuel Fallows,[3] 1914.
John M. Snyder,[3] 1915.
W. F. Calhoun,[3] 1916.
C. S. Bentley,[3] 1917.
Joseph W. Fifer, Bloomington, 1918.
Henry D. Fulton,[3] 1919.
Edwin N. Armstrong,[3] 1920.
William P. Wright,[1] [2] Chicago, 1921.
E. P. Bartlett[3] (died in office), 1922.
J. M. Oulson,[1] [3] Godfrey, 1922.
William J. Libberton,[3] 1923.
Philip Smith,[3] 1924.
O. R. McKenney,[3] 1925.
John E. Andrews,[1] Quincy, 1926.
D. H. Harper, Phoenix, Ariz., 1927.
Charles T. Marsh,[3] 1928.
H. B. Davidson,[1] [13] Springfield, 1929.
A. C. Best, Princeton,[1] 1930.
James H. Campbell,[1] Chicago, 1931.

Milton J. Stewart,[3] 1885, transferred from Kansas.
Charles M. Travis,[3] 1889, transferred from Indiana.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Ivory H. Pike, Oak Park, 1891.
E. A. Thomas, East St. Louis, 1903.
J. H. Freeman, Aurora, 1925.
B. D. Black,[1] Decatur, 1927.
A. T. Ives,[1] Bloomington, 1928.
Lewis F. Lake,[1] Rockford, 1929.
G. R. Walker,[1] Aurora, 1931.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John N. Stewart,[1] Chicago, 1904.
H. K. Walcott, Batavia, 1918.
Willis Hickman, Chicago, 1928.
A. H. Roberts,[1] Murphysboro, 1930.
J. H. Cummings,[1] Evanston, 1931.

INDIANA (20)

[Organized August 20, 1866; reorganized October 3, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1931, 345. Posts, 94]

Department commander—JAMES BOWDEN,[1] Muncie.
Senior vice department commander—WILLIAM MATTHEWS,[1] Centerville.
Junior vice department commander—JASPER N. GALLICOTT,[1] North Vernon.
Assistant adjutant general—JOSEPH B. HENNINGER,[1] Indianapolis.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
Amos Myers,[1] Lafayette.	A. Hunneshagen, Kewanna.
George H. Haste,[1] Valparaiso.	W. C. Chappel, Indianapolis.
Henry Sayner,[1] Fort Wayne.	Thomas Cragg,[1] Fort Wayne.
J. M. Fidler,[1] Marion.	Daniel Price, Marion.
Quincy A. Hunt, Terre Haute.	Theo. R. Caldwell,[1] Lebanon.
Fred Plump,[1] Seymour.	J. W. Lindsay, Bloomington.
William S. Mead,[1] Spencer.	Fred Evans,[3] North Vernon.
John Stevenson,[1] Richmond.	Levi P. Keltner, Anderson.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert S. Foster,[3] 1866; 1868.
Nathan Kimball,[3] 1867.
Oliver M. Wilson,[3] 1869.
Louis Humphrey,[3] 1870–71.
Jonathan B. Hagar,[3] 1879.
Samuel E. Armstrong,[3] 1880.
William W. Dudley,[3] 1881.
James R. Carnahan,[3] 1882–83.
Edwin Nicar,[3] 1884.
David N. Foster,[1] [2] Fort Wayne, 1885.
Thomas W. Bennett,[3] 1886.
Ira J. Chase,[3] 1887.
Argus D. Vanosdol,[3] 1888.
Charles M. Travis[3] (see Illinois), 1889.
Gil R. Stormont,[3] Princeton, 1890.
Ivan N. Walker,[3] 1891.
Joseph B. Cheadle,[3] 1892.
James T. Johnston,[3] 1893.
Albert O. Marsh,[3] 1894.
Harvey B. Shively,[3] 1895.
Henry M. Caylor,[3] 1896.
James S. Dodge,[3] 1897.
Daniel Ryan,[3] 1898.
William L. Dunlap,[3] 1899.
David E. Breem,[3] 1900.
Milton Garrigus,[3] 1901.

[1] Present. [2] National council of administration. [3] Deceased. [13] Past adjutant general.

INDIANA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Benjamin Starr,[3] 1902.
George W. Grubbs,[3] 1903.
Daniel R. Lucas,[3] 1904.
Marine D. Tackett,[3] 1905.
Edmund R. Brown,[3] Winamac, 1906.
William A. Ketcham,[3] 1907.
John D. Alexander,[3] 1908.
Orlando A. Somers,[3] 1909.
Alexander P. Asbury,[3] 1910.
Daniel Waugh,[3] 1911.
Frank Swigart [3] (died in office), 1912.
Wilbur E. Gorsuch,[3] 1912.
Daniel W. Comstock,[3] 1913.
A. B. Crampton, Delphi, 1914.
Lewis King,[3] 1915.
V. V. Williams,[3] 1916.
Samuel M. Hench,[3] 1917.
Alonzo Murphy,[3] 1918.
William F. Medsker,[3] 1919.
Robert W. McBride,[3] 1920.
Richard H. Tyner,[1] Newcastle, 1921.
William A. Kelsey,[3] 1922.
Albert J. Ball,[3] 1823.
F. M. VanPelt,[3] 1924.
David Strouse,[3] 1925.
James W. Spain,[3] 1926.
John H. Hoffman,[1] Ligonier, 1927.
W. F. Molyneaux, Gary, 1928.
Charles E. Hale,[1] Logansport, 1929.
Isaac B. Austin [3] (died in office), 1930.
James Kilmartin,[1] Princeton, 1930.
F. M. McNair,[3] 1931.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James S. Wright, Rockport, 1920.
Virgil E. Chance, Connersville, 1922.
William Kemp, Frankfort, 1924.
Phil W. Brown,[1] Franklin, 1928.
A. F. Baker, Wabash, 1930.
David Kinney,[1] Indianapolis, 1931.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

James W. Beck, Danville, 1931

IOWA (19)

[Organized September, 1866; reorganized January 23, 1789. Membership, December 31, 1931, 652. Posts, 69]

Department commander—THOMAS J. NOLL,[1] Grinnell.
Senior vice department commander—J. H. DUNMORE,[1] Clinton.
Junior vice department commander—J. C. HANES,[1] Des Moines.
Assistant adjutant general—JOHN P. RISLEY,[13] [1] Des Moines.

REPRESENTATIVES

L. D. Roper,[1] Council Bluffs.
E. P. Taylor,[1] Fairfield.
E. L. Sweet,[1] Greeley.
J. D. Fraley,[1] Marshalltown.
George Beatty,[1] Tipton.
S. R. Emms, Perry.
C. L. Dickinson, Creston.
W. T. McKee,[1] Massena.
H. C. Eddy,[1] Fort Dodge.
N. R. Hathaway, Sioux City.
Richard Rosemire,[1] Dubuque.
H. H. Mathews, Fairfield.
J. P. Sullivan, Clinton.
James K. Jackson, Dubuque.

ALTERNATES

L. J. Leech,[1] West Branch.
S. S. Hahn, Mount Vernon.
A. R. Jewell,[1] Perry.
Perry Sterritt,[1] Des Moines.
J. M. Gudgel, Shenandoah.
H. S. Alexander, Council Bluffs.
G. W. Barber, Fort Dodge.
Samuel Strader,[1] Sioux City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Parrott,[3] 1874–75.
A. A. Perkins,[3] 1876–78.
H. E. Griswold,[3] 1879.
W. F. Conrad,[3] 1880.
Peter V. Carey,[3] 1881.
George B. Hogin,[3] 1882.
John B. Cook,[3] 1883.
E. G. Miller,[3] 1884.
W. R. Manning,[3] 1885.
W. A. McHenry,[3] 1886.
J. M. Tuttle,[3] 1887.
E. A. Consigny,[3] 1888.
Charles H. Smith,[3] 1889.
Mason P. Mills,[3] 1890.
Charles L. Davidson,[3] 1891.
J. J. Steadman,[17] Hollywood, Calif., 1892.
Phil Schaller,[3] 1893.

[1] Present. [3] Deceased. [13] Past adjutant general. [17] Transferred to California and Nevada.

IOWA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

George A. Newman,[3] 1894.
J. K. P. Thompson,[3] 1895.
Josiah Given,[3] 1896.
A. H. Evans,[3] 1897.
R. W. Tirrell,[3] 1898.
C. F. Bailey,[3] 1899.
M. B. Davis,[3] 1900.
George Metzger,[3] 1901.
John Lindt,[3] 1902.
L. B. Raymond,[3] 1903.
R. T. St. John, Riceville, 1904.
S. H. Harper,[3] 1905.
C. A. Clark,[3] 1906.
D. J. Palmer,[3] 1907.
J. C. Milliman, Santa Monica, Calif., 1908.
M. McDonald,[3] 1909.
H. A. Dyer,[3] 1910.
Lot Abraham,[3] 1911.
J. D. Brown,[3] 1912.
J. W. Willett,[1] [12] Tama, 1913.
Byron C. Ward,[3] 1914.
John F. Merry,[3] 1915.
John H. Mills,[3] 1916.
J. L. Farrington,[3] 1917.
E. J. C. Bealer,[3] 1918.
A. G. Beatty,[3] 1919.
R. L. Chase,[3] 1920.
J. B. Harsh,[3] 1921.
L. J. Kron,[3] 1922.
W. W. Gist [3] (died in office), 1923.
W. S. Freeman,[3] 1923.
W. H. Needham [3] (died in office), 1924.
D. B. Cowles [3] (died in office), 1924.
Orlando S. Hartman,[3] 1925.
Frank Dagle,[3] 1925.
E. J. Stonebraker,[1] Hampton, 1926.
Olev Nelson,[1] [18] Slater, 1927.
J. W. Stratton,[3] 1928.
John K. Ewing [3] (died in office), 1929.
Joseph Pratt,[3] 1930.
Watson Risden,[3] 1930.
John T. Lucas,[3] 1931.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

B. F. Stow, Ottumwa, 1931

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

G. H. Clement,[1] Marshalltown, 1926.
John F. Baker,[1] Newton, 1927.
F. L. Quade,[1] Dubuque, 1930.

KANSAS (22)

[Organized December 7, 1866; reorganized March 16, 1880. Membership, December 31, 1931, 722. Posts, 135]

Department commander—J. D. Harvey, Emporia.
Senior vice department commander—Grear Nagel,[1] Wichita.
Junior vice department commander—H. W. Wardell,[1] Hutchinson.
Assistant adjutant general—J. W. Priddy,[1] Topeka.

REPRESENTATIVES

Charles Murray,[3] Parsons.
J. W. Malloy, McLouth.
Theodore Alvord,[1] Topeka.
W. A. Lyman,[3] Olathe.
John Casey, Ottawa.
William Basare,[1] Neodesha.
C. A. Griffith,[1] Chanute.
Chas. Windgrove,[1] Clay Center.
Wm. Davidson,[1] Hope.
J. M. Doubleday,[1] Caldwell.
Joseph Gooch,[1] Conway Springs.
Henry Keller, Wilson.
R. R. Manchester, Bellaire.
A. O. Gere,[1] Stafford.
G. M. Whitzel, Hutchinson.

ALTERNATES

J. W. Farrell,[1] Weir, Kansas.
S. Sanderson, Nat'l. Mil. Home.
Scott Kelsey,[1] Topeka.
Henry Button, Ottawa.
J. H. Getty,[1] Ottawa.
Henry Biele, Chanute.
Philip Weinrich, Winfield.
John Symes, Lincolnville.
F. V. Close,[1] Abilene.
J. E. Hutson, Caldwell.
D. L. Sweeney, Wichita.
J. P. Fair, Mankato.
Perry Green, Mankato.
G. W. Robertson, St. John.
D. Van Blancum,[1] Hutchinson.
A. L. Mussom,[1] Topeka.
C. Fetters,[1] Ottawa.

[1] Present.
[3] Deceased.
[12] Past commander in chief.
[18] Senior vice commander in chief.

KANSAS—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John A. Martin,[3] 1866–67.
John C. Carpenter,[3] 1868.
W. S. Jenkins,[3] 1872 (see Missouri).
Stephen A. Cobb,[3] 1872–1875.
John Guthrie,[3] 1876.
J. H. Gilpatrick,[3] 1877–1878.
J. C. Walkinshaw,[3] 1879–1882.
Thomas J. Anderson,[3] 1883.
Homer W. Pond, 1884.
Milton J. Stewart,[3] 1885 (see Illinois).
C. J. McDivett,[3] 1886.
T. H. Soward,[3] 1887 (see Oklahoma).
J. W. Feighan,[3] 1888.
Henry Booth,[3] 1889.
Ira A. Collins,[3] 1890.
Timothy McCarthy,[3] 1891.
A. R. Green,[3] 1892.
Bernard Kelly,[3] 1893.
W. P. Campbell,[1] Wichita, 1894.
John P. Harris,[3] 1895.
W. C. Whitney,[3] 1896.
Theo. Botkin,[3] 1897.
D. W. Eastman,[3] 1898 (see Oklahoma).
O. H. Coulter,[3] 1899 (see California and Nevada).
W. W. Martin,[3] 1900.
J. B. Remington,[3] 1901.
H. C. Loomis,[3] 1902.
Abraham W. Smith,[3] 1903.
Charles Harris,[3] 1904.
P. H. Coney,[3] 1905–06.
R. A. Campbell,[3] 1907.
W. A. Morgan,[3] 1908.
Joel H. Rickel,[3] 1909.
Nathan E. Harmon,[3] 1910.
T. P. Anderson,[3] 1911.
J. N. Harrison,[3] 1912–13.
Ira D. Brougher,[3] 1914.
C. A. Meek,[3] 1915.
R. M. Painter,[3] 1916.
A. C. Pierce,[3] 1917.
W. W. Smith,[3] 1918.
Theodore Gardner,[3] 1919.
Joseph A. Walter,[3] 1920.
George P. Washburn,[3] 1921 (died in office).
E. W. Bowman,[3] 1921.
William W. Dennison, Topeka, 1922.
William H. Mitchell,[3] 1923.
A. Graff, Wellington, 1923.
Fred Jackson,[3] 1925.
Samuel Baughman, St. Cloud, Fla., 1926.
R. H. McWhorter,[1] Coffeyville, 1927.
H. I. Merrill,[1] Wichita, 1928.
J. W. Priddy,[4] Topeka, 1929.
C. H. King, Kansas City, 1930.
E. W. Phillips,[1] Wichita, 1931.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. B. Rhodes, Manhattan, 1921.
D. B. Clum, Parsons,[1] 1922.
O. T. Romig, Coffeyville, 1928.
J. W. Dill,[1] Chanute, 1930.
David Shaver, Salina, 1931.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. H. Carr, Wichita, 1906.
S. J. Churchill,[3] Lawrence, 1908.
J. H. McKinley, Erie, 1919.
C. H. Hoyt, Lawrence, 1920.
George Plumb, Emporia, 1924.
H. P. Shafer,[1] Hiawatha, 1928.
F. J. Straub, Cherryvale, 1929.
B. Merritt, Independence, 1931.

KENTUCKY (27)

[Organized January 16, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1931, 67. Posts 15]

Department commander—ROBERT F. SMITH,[1] Horse Cave.
Senior vice department commander—JAMES A. FISHER, Covington.
Junior vice department commander—C. L. DUDLEY,[1] Flemingsburg
Assistant adjutant general—M. H. DAVIDSON,[1] Louisville

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
Alfred Martinis,[1] Newport	R. R. Graham,[1] Madisonville.
Jacob Close,[1] Newport	H. L. Drake,[1] Foster.

[1] Present. [3] Deceased. [4] Assistant adjutant general.

KENTUCKY—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Michie,[3] 1883.
W. H. Harton,[3] 1884.
George W. Northup,[3] 1885.
Thomas Z. Morrow,[3] 1886.
William Bowman,[3] 1887.
Orrin A. Reynolds,[5] 1888.
Vincent Boreing,[3] 1889.
Michael Minton,[3] 1890.
Samuel G. Hills,[3] 1891.
Edward H. Hobson,[3] 1892.
T. Edward Livezey,[3] 1893.
Daniel O'Riley,[3] 1894.
Robert M. Kelly,[3] 1895.
Americus Whedon,[3] 1896.
Andrew J. Tharp,[3] 1897.
J. W. Hammond,[3] 1898.
Joseph H. Browning,[3] 1899.
L. M. Drye, 1900.
John Blaes,[3] 1901.
T. F. Beyland,[3] 1902.
W. G. Foree,[3] 1903.
William T. Bausmith,[3] 1904.
Bernard Matthews,[3] 1905.
George Grimstead,[3] 1906.
Le Vant Dodge,[3] 1907-08.
R. B. Hewetson,[3] 1909.
Sanford D. Van Pelt,[3] 1910.
Charles C. Degman,[3] 1911.
John Barr, Lebanon,[3] 1912.
W. J. L. Hughes,[3] 1913.
Edward Farley,[3] 1914.
John T. Gunn,[3] 1915.
Sam D. Brown, [3] 1916.
J. R. Howard,[3] 1917.
T. A. Casey,[3] 1918.
Andrew Offut,[3] 1919.
M. H. Davidson,[1 2] Louisville, 1920.
Jacob Seibert,[3] 1921.
John T. English,[3] 1922.
E. F. Tucker,[3] 1923.
C. C. Furr,[3] 1924.
J. D. Compton, Covington,[1] 1925.
Albert Scott, 1926 (died in office).
Cyrus Edwards,[1] Horse Cave, 1926–28.
John T. Thompson,[1] Paint Lick, 1929.
Robert F. Smith,[1 7] Horse Cave, 1930–31.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Richard Lilly,[1] Anchorage, 1927–1929

LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI (35)

[Organized as the Department of the Gulf, May 15, 1884, changed to Louisiana and Mississippi, June 13, 1888. Membership, December 31, 1931, 60. Posts, 7]

Department commander—WILLIAM ROCHESTER,[1] Natchez, Miss.
Senior vice department commander—JOHN A. WRIGHT,[2] Vicksburg, Miss.
Junior vice department commander—SAMUEL L. SMITH,[3] Algiers, La.
Assistant adjutant general—JOHN PIERCE, New Orleans, La.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
John Ayers,[1] Summitt, Miss.	Mason Campbell,[1] Vicksburg.
John Stokes,[1] Lake Providence, La.	Herman Grant, Vicksburg.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Roy,[3] 1884.
J. W. Scully,[3] 1885 (see Georgia and South Carolina).
A. S. Badger,[3] 1886–1892.
Charles H. Shute,[3] 1893.
Charles W. Keeting,[3] 1894–1899.
F. C. Antoine,[3] 1900.
Paul Bruce,[3] 1901.
Charles W. Keeting,[3] 1902–1904.
J. S. Davidson,[10] Bayou Goula, La., 1905.
P. H. Boyle,[3] 1906–07.
James Lewis,[3] 1908.
J. A. Brookshire,[3] 1909.
E. K. Russ,[10] 1910–1915.
E. T. Gipson,[3] 1916–1918.
H. N. Singleton,[3] 1919.
John Pierce,[4] New Orleans, 1920.
Lewis Herman,[10] 1921.
E. J. Sherman,[10] 1922.
Elihu A. Robinson,[1] Amelia, La., 1923–1927.
William Rochester,[7] Natchez, 1928–1931.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[4] Assistant adjutant general.
[7] Department commander.
[10] Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

MAINE (9)

[Organized January 10, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1931, 256. Posts, 40]

Department commander---------- JOHN W. FOGLER,[1] Skowhegan.
Senior vice department commander---------- GEORGE T. BENSON,[1] Oakland.
Junior vice department commander---------- AUGUSTUS H. PRINCE,[1] Portland.
Assistant adjutant general---------- CHARLES E. NASON,[11] Portland.

REPRESENTATIVES

Frederick Ficke, Hallowell.[1]
Thomas Ayer.[1]
John Sawtall.[1]
E. H. Lake.[1]

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George L. Beal,[3] 1868–69.
Charles P. Mattocks,[3] 1870–71.
Daniel White,[3] 1872–73.
Sheldon Connor,[3] 1874–75.
Nelson Howard,[3] 1876.
John D. Myrick,[3] 1877.
Augustus C. Hamlin,[3] 1878.
Windsor B. Smith,[3] 1879.
Isaac S. Bangs,[3] 1880.
William G. Haskell,[3] 1881.
Augustus B. Farnham,[3] 1882.
Elisha M. Shaw,[3] 1883.
Benjamin Williams,[3] 1884.
James A. Hall,[3] 1885.
Samuel W. Lane,[3] 1886.
Richard K. Gatley,[3] 1887.
Horace H. Burbank,[3] 1888.
Franklin M. Drew,[3] 1889.
John D. Anderson,[3] 1890.
Samuel L. Miller,[3] 1891.
Isaac Dyer, 1892.
Wainwright Cushing,[3] 1893.
J. Wesley Gilman,[3] 1894.
William H. Green,[3] 1895.
Lorenzo J. Carver,[3] 1896.
Leroy T. Carleton, Winthrop, 1897.
Charles A. Southard,[3] 1898.
Frederick Robie,[3] 1899.
Seth T. Snipe,[3] 1900.
William Z. Clayton,[3] 1901.
James L. Merrick,[3] 1902.
Joshua L. Chamberlain,[3] 1903.
Edwin C. Milliken,[3] 1904.
Henry O. Perry,[3] 1905.
Frederick S. Walls,[3] 1906.
Frank F. Goss,[3] 1907.
Woodbury K. Dana,[3] 1908.
Augustus W. McCausland,[3] 1909.
John W. Webster,[3] 1910.
Edwin Riley,[1] Livermore Falls, 1911.
William H. Holston,[3] 1912.
John F. Lamb,[3] 1913.
Thomas S. Benson, Sidney, 1914.
Simon S. Andrews,[3] 1915.
Tobias L. Eastman, Fryeburg, 1916.
John Quincy Adams,[3] 1917.
Fred A. Motley,[3] 1918.
George W. Goulding,[3] 1919.
Henry E. Merriam,[3] 1920.
Edward A. Butler,[3] 1921.
George A. Gay,[3] 1922.
Ezekiel H. Hanson,[3] 1923.
Charles E. Nason,[1] [11] Gray, 1924.
Albert R. Hill, East Brownfield, 1925.
Nathaniel W. White,[1] Malden, Mass. 1926.
Nahum H. Pillsbury,[3] 1927.
Nelson R. Brown, Lewiston, 1928.
Samuel F. Emerson,[1] Skowhegan, 1929.
F. S. Philbrick,[1] Rockland, 1930.
Simon C. Hastings,[2] Portland, 1931.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Jonathan W. Crocker, Rockland, 1878.
M. C. Wadsworth, Gardiner, 1890.
A. M. Warren, Dover, 1905.
C. T. Wardwell, Lewiston, 1917.
C. H. George, South Paris, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

I. W. Emerson, Lewiston, 1898.
A. H. Pratt, North Turner, 1900.
W. A. Miller, Auburn, 1919.
H. F. Mitchell, Bangor, 1922.

MARYLAND (16)

[Organized January 8, 1868; reorganized June 9, 1876. Membership, December 31, 1931, 66. Posts, 6]

Department commander---------- GEORGE T. LEECH,[1] Baltimore.
Senior vice department commander---------- JOHN LAMBDEN,[1] Baltimore.
Junior vice department commander---------- PENNOCK COLE,[1] Baltimore.
Assistant adjutant general---------- JOHN T. HOLMES,[1] [2] Baltimore.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[11] Past senior vice commander in chief.

MARYLAND—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES

John N. Young,[1] Baltimore.
John Turner,[1] Cumberland.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Andrew W. Dennison,[3] 1867–1869.
E. W. Goldsborough,[3] 1870.
E. T. Daneker,[3] 1871.
Adams E. King,[3] 1872.
E. B. Tyler,[3] 1876–1878.
W. E. Griffith,[3] 1879.
W. E. W. Ross,[3] 1880–81.
Graham Dukehart,[3] 1882.
John Suter,[3] 1883.
Frank M. Smith,[3] 1884.
John W. Horn,[3] 1885.
George W. F. Vernon,[3] 1886.
Henry P. Underhill,[3] 1887.
Theodore F. Lang,[3] 1888.
George F. Wheeler,[3] 1889.
George R. Graham,[3] 1890.
Joseph C. Hill,[3] 1891.
Wallace A. Bartlett,[3] 1892.
Frank Nolen,[3] 1893.
Myron I. Rose,[3] 1894.
Oliver A. Horner,[3] 1895.
A. S. Cooper,[3] 1896.
George W. Johnson,[3] 1897.
David L. Stanton,[3] 1898.
Lewis M. Zimmerman,[3] 1899.
John R. King,[1] [12] Baltimore, 1900.
John G. Taylor,[3] 1901.
John W. Worth,[3] 1902.
William Stahl,[3] 1903.
James Campbell,[3] 1904.
Richard N. Bowerman,[3] 1905.
George Prechtel,[3] 1906.
Fred C. Tarr,[3] 1907.
Robert C. Sunstrom,[3] 1908.
Benjamin F. Taylor,[3] 1909.
William P. Vannort,[3] 1910.
John T. Holmes,[1] [2] Baltimore, 1911.
George Prechtel,[3], 1912.
Charles N. Emich,[3] 1913.
Albert K. Young,[3] 1914.
Joseph Brooks,[3] 1915.
James E. Van Sant,[3] 1916.
E. Walter Giles,[3] 1917–18.
George T. Leech,[1] [9] Baltimore, 1919–1931

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George H. Rush, Baltimore, 1918.
John A. Houck, Baltimore, 1926.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Adam Comp, Baltimore, 1928.

MASSACHUSETTS (7)

[Organized May 7, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1931, 754. Posts, 114]

Department commander—EDWIN H. LINCOLN,[1] Pittsfield.
Senior vice department commander—FREDERICK H. BISHOP,[1] Wollaston.
Junior vice department commander—DAVID KING,[1] Everett.
Assistant adjutant general—JAMES S. MITCHELL,[1] Boston.

REPRESENTATIVES

George A. Gay,[1] Nashua, N. H.
John J. Ryder, Buzzards Bay.
Edward E. Place, Middleboro.
Thos. J. Evans, East Weymouth.
James F. Flynn,[1] Rosbury.
Wm. F. Dodge, Roxbury.
Wm. A. Cusick, Newburyport.
James A. Wright, Beverly.
Chas. L. Robinson, Melrose.
Francis J. O'Reilly,[1] Cambridge.
D. L. Page,[1] Lowell.
Joseph A. Cleveland, Worcester.
Chas. B. Burt, Springfield.
A. A. Buxton, Fitchburg.
A. A. Lee, North Adams.
Julius A. Fitts,[1] Medfield.

ALTERNATES

Nahum Nickelson, South Dartmouth.
John F. Hatch, Rockland.
Theodore Clark,[1] Brookline.
Martin Feeney, Boston.
A. A. Nickerson, Chelsea.
A. A. Rackliff, Danvers.
George W. Towne, North Andover.
Charles Peel,[1] Salisbury.
Charles Bixby, Lowell.
Samuel Clark, Lowell.
W. C. M. Howe, Reading.
Charles F. Staples, Leominster.
R. E. Gibson, Worcester.
Farnum A. Sawin, Pittsfield.
John R. Sears, Greenfield.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[9] Past junior vice commander in chief.
[12] Past commander in chief.

MASSACHUSETTS—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Austin S. Cushman,[3] 1866–67.
A. B. R. Sprague, 1868.
Francis A. Osborn,[3] 1869.
James L. Bates,[3] 1870.
William Cogswell,[3] 1871.
Henry R. Sibley,[3] 1872.
Adin B. Underwood,[3] 1873.
John W. Kimball,[3] 1874.
George S. Merrill,[3] 1875.
Horace B. Sargent,[3] 1876–1878.
John G. B. Adams,[3] 1879.
John A. Hawes,[3] 1880.
George W. Creasey,[3] 1881.
George H. Patch,[3] 1882.
George S. Evans,[3] 1883.
John D. Billings, Belmont, 1884.
John W. Hersey,[3] 1885.
Richard F. Tobin,[3] 1886.
Charles D. Nash,[3] 1887.
Myron P. Walker,[3] 1888.
George L. Goodale,[3] 1889.
George H. Innis,[3] 1890.
Arthur A. Smith,[3] 1891.
James K. Churchill,[3] 1892.
Eli W. Hall,[3] 1893.
Wilfred A. Wetherbee,[3] 1894.
Joseph W. Thayer,[3] 1895.
William P. Derby,[3] 1896.
John M. Deane,[3] 1897.
William H. Bartlett,[3] 1898.
John E. Gilman,[3] 1899.
Peter D. Smith,[3] 1900.
Silas A. Barton,[3] 1901.
W. A. Blackmar,[3] 1902.
Dwight O. Judd,[3] 1903.
Lucius Field,[3] 1904.
James H. Wolff,[3] 1905.
J. Payson Bradley,[3] 1906.
Daniel H. L. Gleason,[3] 1907.
Alfred S. Roe,[3] 1908.
John L. Parker,[3] 1909.
J. Willard Brown,[3] 1910 (died in office).
Granville C. Fiske,[3] 1910–11.
George A. Hosley, 1912.
Thomas J. Ames,[3] 1913.
John M. Woods,[3] 1914.
Alfred H. Knowles, Arlington, 1915.
Francis E. Mole,[3] 1916.
Daniel E. Denny,[3] 1917.
Edwin P. Stanley,[3] 1918.
George W. Wilder, Boston, 1919.
Horace Goodwin, Springfield, 1920.
Edwin F. Morrill,[3] 1921.
Henry Clark,[3] 1922.
George W. Pratt,[3] 1923.
Benjamin A. Ham,[3] 1924.
William L. Gage,[3] 1925 (died in office).
Henry H. Comey,[3] 1925.
William F. Brown,[3] 1926 (died in office).
Henry A. Monk, South Braintree, 1927.
Edwin J. Foster,[1 12] Worcester, 1928.
James H. Webb, Boston, 1929.
Alvin C. Howes,[3] 1930 (died in office).
Waldo Turner,[2] East Weymouth, 1930–31.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

George M. Fiske, Auburndale, 1898

MICHIGAN (18)

[Organized May 6, 1868; reorganized January 22, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1931, 546. Posts, 87]

Department commander—ORESTUS BLAKE,[1] Jackson.
Senior vice department commander—C. M. COOK,[1] Kalamazoo.
Junior vice department commander—FRANK D. KEELER, Saginaw.
Assistant adjutant general—ALBERT DUNHAM,[1 2] Lansing.

REPRESENTATIVES

Theodore Burton,[1] Holly.
John W. Finch, Greenville.
S. H. Carlton,[1] Kalamazoo.
Martin W. Kelsey, Lakeview.
George Wilcox,[1] St. Louis.
Isaac Grant,[1] Reed City.
Thomas H. Nichols, Jackson.
J. Nodell, Coldwater.
Howard C. Bond, Muskegon.
Augustus Horn, Marine City.
Orlando Lavalley, Caro.
Eugene Owen,[1] Grand Rapids.

ALTERNATES

Ed. L. Rogers,[1] Allegan.
William Snyder,[1] Kalamazoo.
L. S. Daniels, Coldwater.
A. N. Lightcap,[1] Jackson.
Henry Hoffman, Memphis.
Morris Kent, Kalamazoo.
W. Grady, Caro.
George Summers, Caro.
W. A. Northrop, Big Rapids.
S. A. Philips, Lake City.
J. A. Hamilton, Lansing.
John Wise, Holland.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[12] Past commander in chief.

MICHIGAN—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. A. Alger,[3] (provisional), 1867.
William A. Throop, 1868.
William Humphrey, 1869–70.
C. V. R. Pond, 1878–79.
A. T. McReynolds, 1880.
Byron R. Pierce,[3] 1881–82.
Oscar A. Janes,[11] Detroit, 1883.
Rush J. Shank,[3] 1884.
Charles D. Long,[3] 1885.
John Northwood,[3] 1886.
L. G. Rutherford,[3] 1887.
Washington Gardner,[3] 1888.
Michael Brown,[3] 1889 (see Montana).
Henry M. Duffield,[3] 1890.
Charles L. Eaton,[3] 1891.
Henry S. Dean,[3] 1892.
James H. Kidd,[3] 1893.
Louis Kanitz,[3] 1894.
S. B. Daboll,[3] 1895.
William Shakespeare,[3] 1896.
Aaron T. Bliss, 1897.
Alex Patrick,[3] 1898.
Russell R. Pealer,[3] 1899.
Ethel M. Allen,[3] 1900.
James Van Kleeck,[3] 1901.
Edward C. Anthony,[3] 1902.
D. B. K. Van Raalte,[3] 1903.
George H. Hopkins,[3] 1904.
E. C. Cannon,[3] 1905.
Joseph P. Griswold,[3] 1906.
William Jibb,[3] 1907.
Charles E. Foote,[3] 1908 (died in office).
George L. Holmes,[3] 1908.
James M. Greenfield,[3] 1909.
Samuel J. Lawrence,[3] 1910.
George W. Stone,[3] 1911.
John T. Spillane, Detroit, 1912.
Frank R. Chase,[3] 1913.
Riley L. Jones,[3] 1914.
Henry C. Rankin,[3] 1915 (died in office).
Eli Strong,[3] 1915.
L. H. Ives,[3] 1916.
William O. Lee,[3] 1917.
David S. Howard,[3] 1918.
Edwin F. Lamb,[3] 1919.
Henry Spaulding,[3] 1920.
J. J. Holmes,[3] 1921.
William Mears,[3] 1922.
Lyman A. L. Gilbert,[3] 1923.
Marvin C. Barney,[3] 1924.
John Seel,[3] 1925.
James R. Stephenson,[3] 1926.
Charles A. Bartlett,[3] 1927.
A. C. Estabrook,[1] Allegan, 1928–30.
Orestus Blake,[7] Jackson, 1931.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thomas Davey, Detroit, 1915.
M. D. Richardson, Lansing, 1920.
Samuel D. Bailey, Detroit, 1922.
George W. Howe,[1] Port Huron, 1925.
J. P. Riley,[1] Kalamazoo, 1928–29.
John Killeen,[1] Jackson, 1930.
S. S. Puckett,[1] Petoskey, 1931.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Allison L. Bryant, Coldwater, 1916.
James Churchill, Pontiac, 1929.
A. F. Chappell, Detroit, 1930.

MINNESOTA (24)

[Organized August 14, 1867; reorganized August 17, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1931, 350. Posts, 73]

Department commander—C. M. Peet,[1] Minneapolis.
Senior vice department commander—Omar H. Carr,[1] Minneapolis.
Junior vice department commander—L. D. Gates, Anoka.
Assistant adjutant general—R. A. Becker,[1] St. Paul.

REPRESENTATIVES

Myron J. Mosier, Stillwater.
W. C. Fisher,[1] North St. Paul.
M. Mullen,[1] St. Paul.
C. M. Cotton,[1] Chatfield.
L. N. Hancock, Minneapolis.
G. H. Nocton,[1] Minneapolis.
W. W. Holcomb,[1] St. Paul.
George B. Smith, St. Paul.

ALTERNATE

C. J. Ingals, Minneapolis.

[1] Present.
[3] Deceased.
[7] Department commander.
[11] Past senior vice commander in chief.

MINNESOTA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry G. Hicks,[3] 1868.
Henry A. Castle,[3] 1872–1874.
George H. Johnson,[3] 1876.
Adam, Marty,[3] 1881–82.
John P. Rea,[3] 1883.
E. B. Rabb,[3] 1884.
R. A. Becker,[4] St. Paul, 1885.
William Thomas,[3] 1886.
L. L. Wheelock,[3] 1887.
James H. Ege,[3] 1888.
Alphonse Barto,[3] 1889.
James Compton,[3] 1890.
Charles D. Parker,[3] 1891.
L. M. Lange,[3] 1892.
John Day Smith, Minneapolis, 1893.
Samuel R. Van Sant,[1] [12] Minneapolis, 1894.
Ell Torrance,[3] 1895.
J. J. McCardy,[3] 1896.
E. B. Wood,[3] 1897.
E. W. Mortimer,[3] 1898.
D. B. Searle,[3] 1899.
Gideon S. Ives,[3] 1900.
William H. Harries,[3] 1901.
Perry Starkweather,[3] 1902.
Harrison White, Seattle, Wash., 1904.
C. F. MacDonald,[3] 1905.
S. F. Hammond,[3] 1888, transferred from South Dakota.
J. B. Hoit,[3] 1892, transferred from South Dakota.
Levi Longfellow,[3] 1906.
George A. Whitney,[3] 1907.
Marcus W. Bates,[3] 1908.
Loren W. Collins,[3] 1909.
Philip G. Woodward,[3] 1910.
J. A. Everett,[3] 1911.
William P. Roberts,[3] 1912.
Charles H. Taylor, 1913.
Charles H. Hopkins,[3] 1914.
Watson W. Hall,[3] 1915.
Charles Van Campen,[3] 1916.
Silas H. Towler,[3] 1917.
Edwin F. Kenrick,[3] 1918.
J. D. Budd,[3] 1919.
J. A. Town,[3] 1920.
S. W. Powell,[3] 1921.
E. Z. Rasey,[3] 1922.
W. H. Harrison,[3] 1923.
S. E. Mahan,[1] [2] St. Paul, 1924.
W. T. Scram,[3] 1925.
P. G. Gorman,[3] 1926.
Jacob Zuber, St. Paul, 1927.
T. P. Garrett,[1] Madelia, 1928.
T. H. Peacock,[1] Minneapolis, 1929.
W. H. Palmer, Minneapolis, 1930.
W. L. Hilliard, Bemidji, 1931.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. C. Wakefield,[1] Hutchinson, 1926.
J. W. Peaslee, Minneapolis, 1929.
Albert Fox, Brainerd,1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Nelson Hughes, Stillwater, 1930.
C. H. Case,[1] Minneapolis, 1931.

MISSOURI (25)

[Organized May 16, 1867; reorganized April 22, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1931, 272. Posts, 53]

Department commander—A. M. Reynolds,[1] St. Joseph.
Senior vice department commander—R. B. Tyler,[1] Joplin.
Junior vice department commander—E. W. McEwen,[1] Kansas City.
Assistant adjutant general—John L. Pierson,[1] St. Louis.

REPRESENTATIVES

Sidney L. Daily,[1] Kansas City.
Louis Sunkel, St. Louis.
J. W. Laney,[1] Kansas City.
George Heineman,[1] St. Louis.
J. H. Nichols,[1] Trenton.
A. J. Bobb,[1] Carthage.

ALTERNATES

R. Zimmerman, Kansas City.
J. L. Lane, Webb City.
Perry Martin,[1] St. Louis.
A. Whipple, St. Louis.
Arvin Hamlin, Kansas City.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[4] Assistant adjutant general.
[12] Past commander in chief.

MISSOURI—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Warner,[3] 1882–83.
W. F. Chamberlain,[3] 1884.
Nelson Cole,[3] 1885–86.
E. E. Kimball,[3] 1887.
Hiram Smith, jr.,[3] 1888.
John E. Phelps,[3] 1889 (see Washington and Alaska).
Leo Rassieur,[3] 1890.
George W. Martin,[3] 1891.
C. W. Whitehead,[3] 1892.
Charles G. Burton,[3] 1893.
Louis Grund,[3] 1894.
Louis Benecke,[3] 1895.
Thomas B. Rodgers,[3] 1896.
John B. Platt,[3] 1897.
A. G. Peterson,[3] 1898.
John W. Scott,[3] Daytona, Fla., 1899.
Wilbur F. Henry,[3] 1900.
George Hall,[3] 1901.
Ira T. Bronson,[3] 1902.
Samuel M. Mann,[3] 1923.
Alfred Zartman,[3] 1924.
Charles Koock, Sedalia, 1925.
John W. Lanley,[1] St. Louis, 1926.
D. H. Baldridge, Joplin, 1927.
F. M. Sterrett,[3] 1903 (see Ohio).
Jere T. Dew,[3] 1904.
Henry Fairback,[3] 1905.
John M. Williams,[3] 1906.
Thomas D. Kimball,[3] 1907.
J. V. Martin,[3] 1908.
W. H. Skinner,[3] 1909.
Robert N. Denham,[3] 1910.
Benjamin Warner,[3] 1911.
Charles W. Ruby,[3] 1912.
Arthur Dreifus,[3] 1913.
William Lowe,[3] 1914.
James B. Dobyne,[3] 1915.
Alex McCandless,[3] 1916.
Thomas W. Evans,[3] 1917.
Phil F. Coghlan,[3] 1918.
W. C. Calland,[1] Springfield, 1919.
Samuel D. Webster,[3] 1920.
A. J. P. Barnes,[1] [2] Joplin, 1921.
James H. Hunter,[3] 1922.
John Ferguson,[1] Iberia, 1928.
Charles H. Mitchell, Kansas City, 1929.
C. P. Woodruff,[3] St. Louis, 1930.
P. L. Swartz,[1] Joplin, 1931.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John Hack,[3] Trenton, 1916; 1918.
A. N. Seaber,[3] Jefferson City, 1921.
Charles C. Bell,[3] Boonville, 1927.
Perry Buchanan, Springfield, 1928.
J. Hollingsworth,[1] Kansas City, 1930.
J. L. Carnahan,[1] Kansas City, 1931.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Evans, Herculaneun, 1911.
G. W. Sparks, Trenton, 1920.
John T. Ewart, St. Joseph, 1924.
H. W. Sandusky, St. Joseph, 1926.
C. B. Cunningham, Youngstown, 1927.
C. W. Burrill,[1] [16] Kansas City, 1928.
Smith George,[1] St. Joseph, 1929.
A. N. McCann,[1] Joplin, 1930.
W. F. Griffin,[1] Altamont, 1931.

H. M. Anderson,[1] Kansas City, transferred from Iowa.

MONTANA (37)

[Organized March 10, 1885. Membership, December 31, 1931, 37. Posts, 8]

Department commander—WILLIAM M. MYERS,[1] Columbia Falls.
Senior vice department commander—JOHN M. WEISS, Missoula.
Junior vice department commander—J. L. HUMBELE, Hamilton.
Assistant adjutant general—W. C. LEWIS, Helena.

REPRESENTATIVES

R. R. McCoun, Great Falls

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thomas P. Fuller,[3] 1885.
Charles S. Warren,[3] 1886.
Ela C. Waters,[3] 1887.
Julius G. Sanders,[3] 1888.
Michael Brown,[3] 1889.
James E. Galloway,[3] 1889.
Ed. S. Ferris,[3] 1890.
Harry C. Kessler,[3] 1891.
John L. Sloan,[3] 1892.
Joseph O. Gregg,[3] 1893. (See Ohio.)

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[16] Past surgeon general.

MONTANA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Peter R. Dolman,[3] 1894.
Robert E. Fisk,[3] 1895.
Lester S. Willson,[3] 1896.
Thaddeus C. Davidson,[3] 1897.
W. H. H. Dickinson,[3] 1898.
C. B. Miller,[3] 1899.
P. B. Manchester,[3] 1900. (See California and Nevada.)
Frank P. Sterling,[3] 1901.
Alanson N. Bull,[3] 1902.
J. S. Wisner,[3] 1903.
Henry N. Blake,[3] 1904.
Wilbur F. Sanders,[3] 1905.
J. B. Wolgemuth,[3] 1905. (See South Dakota.)
A. J. Fisk,[3] 1906.
B. N. Beebe,[3] 1907.
Edwin C. Kinney,[3] 1908.
Edwin S. Pease,[3] 1909.
Robert G. Huston,[3] 1910.
John J. Rohrbaugh,[3] 1911.
W. Y. Smith,[3] 1912.
P. W. Sheehy,[3] 1913.
E. L. Barnes,[3] 1914.
James R. Goss,[3] 1915.
G. I. Reiche,[2] Helena, 1916.
Simon Hauswirth, Butte, 1917.
John Marchion, Anaconda, 1918.
J. Perry McClain, Lolo, 1919.
J. M. Page,[3] 1920.
Charles S. Shoemaker,[3] 1921.
William Coleman,[3] 1922.
W. B. Harlan, Columbia Falls, 1923.
D. I. Breneman, Anaconda, 1924.
R. L. Cleveland,[3] 1925.
Jacob Ohl, Missoula, 1926.
C. E. Adams, Austinburg, Ohio, 1927.
W. B. White, Billings, 1928.
Henry Bird, Bozeman, 1929.
J. W. Johnson,[3] 1930.
Charles Angus, Livingston, 1931.

J. B. Wolgemuth,[3] 1905, transferred from South Dakota

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

H. H. Makinson, Butte, 1925

NEBRASKA (17)

[Organized June 11, 1877. Membership, December 31, 1931, 326. Posts, 61]

Department commander—C. P. Lomax,[1] Lincoln.
Senior vice department commander—J. A. Aulabaugh,[1] Omaha.
Junior vice department commander—George Johnson,[1] Tekamah.
Assistant adjutant general—J. N. Fletcher,[1] Lincoln.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. H. Lyon,[1] Kearney.
S. S. Warren, Lincoln.
C. S. Cadwallader,[1] Oxford.
C. H. Kinney,[1] Raymond.
A. F. Rexroad,[1] Grand Island.
John Farmer,[1] Hastings.
J. C. Mahan,[1] Lincoln.
A. G. Church,[1] Lincoln.

ALTERNATES

H. H. Winsor,[1] York.
George Evans, Harvard.
H. K. Bevier, Grand Island.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Paul Van Devoort,[3] 1877.
R. H. Wilbur,[3] 1878.
James W. Savage,[3] 1879–80.
Griff J. Thomas,[3] 1879–1881, transferred from Wisconsin.
S. J. Alexander,[3] 1881–82.
John C. Bonnell,[3] 1883.
Henry E. Palmer,[3] 1884.
A. V. Cole,[17] Long Beach, Calif., 1885.
John M. Thayer,[3] 1886.
H. C. Russell,[3] 1887.
W. C. Henry,[3] 1888.
J. B. Davis,[3] (died in office), 1889.
S. H. Morrison,[3] 1889.
T. S. Clarkson,[3] 1890.
Joseph Teeter,[3] 1891.
C. J. Dilworth,[3] 1892.
A. H. Church,[3] 1893.
Church Howe,[3] 1894.
Clarendon E. Adams,[3] 1895.
J. H. Culver,[3] 1896.
John A. Ehrhardt,[3] 1897.
Thomas J. Majors,[3] 1898.
John E. Evans,[3] 1899.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[17] Transferred to California and Nevada.

NEBRASKA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

John Reese,[1] [19] Broken Bow, 1900.
R. S. Wilcox, Omaha, 1901.
C. F. Steele,[3] 1902.
Lee Estelle,[3] 1903.
Harmon Bross,[3] 1904.
John Lett,[1] York, 1905.
John R. Maxson,[3] 1906.
Thomas Creigh,[3] 1907.
Eli A. Barnes,[3] 1908.
L. D. Richards,[3] 1909.
John F. Diener,[3] 1910.
A. M. Trimble,[3] 1911.
M. V. King,[3] 1912.
John A. Dempster,[3] 1913.
O. H. Durand,[3] 1914.
George C. Humphrey,[3] 1915.
W. H. Stewart,[3] 1916.
Wilson E. Majors,[3] 1917.
J. S. Hoagland,[3] 1918.
J. B. Strode,[3] 1919.
Joseph H. Presson,[3] 1920.
W. J. Blystone,[3] 1921.
John S. Davisson,[1] Omaha, 1922.
O. C. Bell,[3] 1923.
S. F. Sanders,[3] 1924.
E. F. Brown,[1] Lincoln, 1925.
J. O. Moore, Palmyra, 1926.
David Bryson, Grand Island, 1927.
H. V. Hoagland,[3] 1928.
Thomas J. Smith,[1] Lincoln, 1929.
F. A. Damewood,[3] 1930.
L. F. Ruppel,[3] (died in office), 1931.
John H. Berger,[1] 1931.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. J. Bender, Fairmont, 1919.
Thomas E. Moore,[1] Omaha, 1925.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. C. Cutler, York, 1919.
G. B. Chase, Juniata, 1924.
David Jack,[1] [2] Peru, 1926.
William Balfour, Nehawka, 1928.
H. C. Keister, Albion, 1929.
I. D. Evans, Lincoln, 1931.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (12)

[Organized June 30, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1931, 77. Posts, 16]

Department commander—CHARLES H. ESTES,[1] Alton.
Senior vice department commander—WILLIAM J. M. BLACKMUN,[1] Nashua.
Junior vice department commander—
Assistant adjutant general—GEORGE K. STRATTON, Concord.

REPRESENTATIVES

James R. Ashton,[1] Nashua.
George F. Horne,[1] Nashua.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Matthew T. Betton,[3] 1867.
William R. Patten,[3] 1868.
Daniel J. Vaughn,[3] 1869.
James E. Larkin,[3] 1870.
Augustus H. Bixby,[3] 1871.
William H. Trickey,[3] 1872.
Timothy W. Challis,[3] 1873–74.
Alvin S. Eaton,[3] 1875.
Charles J. Richards,[3] 1876–78.
George Bowers,[3] 1879–80.
Martin A. Haynes,[3] 1881–82.
John C. Linehan,[3] 1883–84.
Marcus M. Collis,[3] 1885.
George Farr,[3] 1886.
Otis C. Wyatt,[3] 1887.
A. B. Thompson,[3] 1888.
James F. Grimes,[3] 1889.
Thomas Cogswell,[3] 1890.
Everett B. Huse,[3] 1891.
Daniel Hall,[3] 1892.
Frank G. Noyes,[3] 1893.
David R. Pierce,[3] 1894.
Charles E. Buzzell,[3] 1895.
Lewis W. Aldrich,[3] 1896.
James Minot,[3] 1897.
A. S. Twitchell,[3] 1898.
Horace L. Worcester,[3] 1899.
D. E. Proctor,[3] 1900.
A. C. Haines,[3] 1901.
William S. Carter,[3] 1902.
Edwin E. Parker,[3] 1903.
Henry O. Kent,[3] 1904.
Daniel B. Newhall,[3] 1905.
Osman B. Warren,[3] 1906.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[19] Judge advocate general.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

William S. Pillsbury,[3] 1907.
Augustus D. Sanborn,[3] 1908.
Charles W. Stevens,[3] 1909.
Albert D. Scovell, Manchester, 1910.
Henry E. Conant [2] (died in office), 1911.
William A. Beckford,[3] 1911.
George K. Stratton,[4] Concord, 1912.
David R. Roys,[3] 1913.
O. B. Douglass,[3] 1914.
M. B. Plummer,[3] 1915.
Reuben T. Leavitt,[3] 1916.
Charles W. Hobbs,[3] 1917.
Eugene Wason,[3] 1918.
Frank W. Wilson,[3] 1919.
James H. Hunt,[3] 1920.
Arthur Thompson,[3] 1921.
J. N. Patterson,[3] 1922.
J. C. Lewis, Milford, 1923.
William Blair, Berlin, 1924.
J. R. Squires,[3] 1925.
Albert J. Barr,[3] 1926.
Eben C. Chase, Hooksett, 1927.
Joseph Willis,[2] Woodsville, 1928.
O. P. Murdick, Keene, 1929.
Wm. W. Fish, Mount Vernon, 1930.
Henry S. Paul, Portsmouth, 1931.

NEW JERSEY (8)

[Organized December 10, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1931, 179. Posts, 25]

Department commander—WILLIAM H. BILBEE,[1] Trenton.
Senior vice department commander—WILLIAM K. STORMS, Red Bank.
Junior vice department commander—FORD AVERBECK, Irvington.
Assistant adjutant general—WALTER S. TULLY,[1] Hillside.

REPRESENTATIVES

G. A. Jackson,[1] Jersey City.
Washington Russell,[1] Jersey City.
Louis Cyester,[1] Neptune.
Wm. H. McCoy, Trenton.
Bernard Murphy, ———.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. Jardine,[3] 1868.
William Ward,[3] 1869–70.
Richard H. Lee,[3] 1871–72.
John R. Goble,[3] 1873.
Charles Burrows,[11] Rutherford, 1874–75.
E. W. Davis,[3] 1876.
John Muller,[3] 1877–78.
Samuel Hufty,[3] 1879.
George W. Gile,[3] 1880.
Charles H. Houghton,[3] 1881.
E. L. Campbell,[3] 1882.
George Fielder,[3] 1883.
Henry M. Nevius,[3] 1884–85.
Frank O. Cole,[3] 1886.
J. L. Wheeler,[3] 1887.
E. Burd Grubb,[3] 1888.
W. E. B. Miller,[3] 1889.
A. M. Matthews,[3] 1890.
James R. Mullikin,[3] 1891.
R. A. Donnelly,[3] 1892.
Terrance J. McDonald,[3] 1912.
John W. Bodine,[3] 1913.
Forman J. Reynolds,[3] 1914 (died in office).
Samuel G. Garretson,[3] 1914.
William F. Washington,[3] 1915.
William O. Allen,[3] 1916.
Walter S. Tully,[1] [4] Hillside, 1917.
George E. Boyd,[3] 1918.
A. J. Washburn [3] (died in office), 1919.
Frank Briden, sr.,[3] 1919.
John T. McNeil,[3] 1920.
H. L. Hartshorn,[3] 1893.
John Shields,[3] 1894.
Henry S. White,[3] 1895.
Ernest C. Stahl,[3] 1896.
Emanuel Sands,[3] 1897.
Samuel G. Hayter,[3] 1897.
William C. Smith,[1] Plainfield, 1898.
George Barrett,[3] 1899.
E. V. Richards,[3] 1900.
J. Lawrence,[3] 1901.
Enos F. Hann, Atlantic City, 1902.
Stephen M. Long,[3] 1903.
James M. Atwood,[3] 1904.
Charles Currie,[3] 1905.
Alfred Atkins,[3] 1906.
Arthur W. Tench, Maplewood, 1907.
John Foran,[3] 1908.
James F. Connelly,[3] 1909.
James Inglis, jr.,[3] 1910.
Adrian S. Appleget,[3] 1911.
Isaac Cole,[3] 1921.
James A. Rikeman,[3] 1922.
P. J. Lydecker,[3] 1923–24.
Leonard L. Roray, Glassboro, 1925.
Joseph A. Goodrich,[1] [2] Jersey City, 1926.
Augustus Van Giesen,[3] 1927.
Charles Hopper,[1] Verona, 1928.
Spencer Smith,[1] New York, N. Y., 1929.
John H. Conger,[1] New Brunswick, 1930.
Wm. A. Buckbee,[1] Dunnellan, 1931.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[4] Assistant adjutant general.

NEW JERSEY—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. H. Kirkbride, Camden, 1903. | A. C. Gile, Cape May, 1917.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Joseph C. Cowan, Paterson, 1931

NEW YORK (5)

[Organized April 3, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1931, 1,144. Posts, 178]

Department commander—HENRY J. KEARNEY,[9] Jersey City, N. J.
Senior vice department commander—FRANK E. COOLEY, Rensselaer.
Junior vice department commander—JOSEPH BENZINO,[1] Buffalo.
Assistant adjutant general—ALFRED E. STACEY,[1] Albany.

REPRESENTATIVES

William Busch,[1] Floral Park, Long Island.
Charles Heacox,[1] Schenectady.
Thomas Barker,[1] Bellmore, Long Island.
George B. Fairhead,[1] Utica.
George C. Eldridge,[1] Dumont, N. J.
Fred Mathews,[1] Horseheads, N. Y.
John Maxwell,[1] Buffalo.
Francis Keyser, Brooklyn.
E. E. Kelsey, Falconer.
R. M. Round,[1] Ripley.
George E. Reynolds,[1] Canajoharie.
S. M. Flint, Worcester.
Charles Wilsey, Worcester.
M. A. Gile,[1] Hinsdale.
James A. Fellows, Rochester.
John H. Tyson,[1] Flushing, Long Island.
John W. Hays,[1] Brookview.
Isaac Greyston, Albany.
George A. Vossler, Poughkeepsie.
Frank Van Alstyne, Webster.
Josiah C. Read, New York.
John Hilliker,[1] Jamaica, Long Island.
Brant C. Sherman,[1] Binghamton.

ALTERNATES

W. H. Halliday, Oswego.
A. F. Beebe, Evans Mills.
Lewis Bissell, Syracuse.
M. P. Durney, Little Falls.
Milton Harwood,[1] Syracuse.
William H. Stewart, Auburn.
Lucius S. Bailey, Syracuse.
Amos J. Bush, Binghamton.
Henry M. Jeffery,[1] Syracuse.
William Ritter.[1]
Warren D. Secord.[1]

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James B. McKean,[3] 1866–67.
Daniel E. Sickles,[3] 1868–69.
Edwin B. Lansing,[3] 1869.
John C. Robinson,[3] 1870.
Henry A. Barnum,[3] 1871–72.
Stephen P. Corliss,[3] 1873–74.
Edward Jardine,[3] 1874.
John Palmer,[3] 1875.
James Tanner,[3] 1876–77.
William F. Rogers,[3] 1878.
James McQuade,[3] 1879.
L. Coe Young,[3] 1880.
Abram Merritt,[3] 1881.
James S. Fraser,[3] 1882.
John A. Reynolds,[3] 1883.
Ira M. Hedges,[3] 1884.
H. Clay Hall,[3] 1885.
Joseph I. Sayles,[3] 1886.
George H. Treadwell,[3] 1887.
N. Martin Curtis,[3] 1888.
Harrison Clark,[3] 1889.
Floyd Clarkson,[3] 1890.
Charles H. Freeman,[3] 1891.
Theodore L. Poole,[3] 1892.
Joseph P. Cleary,[3] 1893.
John C. Shotts,[3] 1894.
Edward J. Atkinson,[3] 1895.
James S. Graham,[3] 1896.
Albert D. Shaw,[3] 1897.
Anson S. Wood,[3] 1898.
Joseph W. Kay,[3] 1899.
N. P. Pond,[3] 1900.
Charles A. Orr,[3] 1901.
Allan C. Bakewell,[3] 1902.
John S. Koster,[3] 1903.
Henry N. Burhans,[3] 1904.
James M. Snyder,[3] 1905.
John S. Maxwell,[3] 1906.
Harlan J. Swift,[3] 1907.
William H. Daniels,[3] 1908.

[1] Present. [3] Deceased. [9] Past junior vice commander in chief.

NEW YORK—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

M. J. Cummings, 1909.
DeWitt C. Hurd,[3] 1910.
George B. Loud,[3] 1911.
Oscar Smith,[3] 1912.
Samuel C. Pierce,[3] 1913.
James D. Bell,[3] 1914.
Zan L. Tidball,[3] 1915.
Solomon W. Russell,[3] 1916.
William F. Kirchner,[3] 1917.
Lewis S. Pilcher,[12] Brooklyn, 1918.
Joseph E. Ewell,[3] 1919.
Alfrey E. Stacey,[3] [4] Elbridge, 1920.
Isadore, Isaacs,[3] 1921.
Calvin A. Brainard,[1] [11] Buffalo, 1922.
Thomas J. McConekey,[3] 1923.
Henry L. Keene,[3] 1924.
Duncan J. McMillan, New York, 1925.
John Van Duyn, Syracuse, 1926.
George W. Flynn,[3] 1927 (died in office).
William M. Chatham,[3] 1928 (died in office).
Henry Lilly, Coldwater, 1928.
William P. Griffith,[1] Brooklyn, 1928.
Martin V. Stone,[2] Jamestown, 1929.
George H. Taylor, New York, 1930.
Calvin L. Vincent,[1] Elmira, 1931.

De Alva S. Alexander,[3] 1884, transferred from Potomac.
W. L. Palmer,[3] 1899, transferred from South Dakota.
A. E. Sholes,[3] 1891, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.
David R. Wilson,[3] 1906, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.
John C. Gipson,[17] San Diego, Calif., 1902, transferred from Oklahoma.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. Stewart Warner,[1] Skaneateles, 1918.
Charles A. Shaw, New York, 1924.
Thomas H. Stritch, Brooklyn, 1926.
Charles T. Peck,[1] Rochester, 1929.
Nelson E. Rowe,[1] Binghamton, 1930.
John C. Mullins,[1] Brooklyn, 1931.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Ringgold W. Carman, Flushing, 1922.
Michael B. Wood, New York, 1923.
Frank P. Frost, Elmira, 1928.
Edward M. Griffiths,[1] New York, 1929.
Joseph Bauer, Rochester, 1930.
Jacob Lester,[1] Port Dickinson, 1931.

NORTH DAKOTA (43)

[Organized April 23, 1890. Membership December 31, 1931, 24. Posts, 3]

Department commander—M. Skarison,[1] Velva.
Senior vice department commander—C. P. Stearns, Valley City.
Junior vice department commander—Robert Marshall, Minot.
Assistant adjutant general—D. G. Duell,[1] Devils Lake.

REPRESENTATIVE

Thomas Sheard,[1] Cathay.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Harrison Allen,[3] 1889.
George B. Winship,[3] 1890.
William A. Bentley,[3] 1891. (*See* California and Nevada.)
Samuel G. Roberts,[3] 1892.
John D. Black,[3] 1893.
James M. O'Neale,[3] 1894.
A. P. Rounseville,[3] 1895. (*See* Florida.)
William H. Brown,[3] 1896.
Edward C. Geary,[3] 1897.
Edwin Southard,[3] 1898.
William Ackerman,[3] 1899.
Freeman Orcutt,[3] 1900.
D. G. Duell,[4] Devils Lake, 1901.
John C. Gipso,[20] North San Diego, Calif., 1902.
H. J. Rowe,[3] 1903.
D. F. Siegfried,[3] 1904.
Joseph Hare,[3] 1905.
B. F. Bigelow,[3] 1906.
Sylvester J. Hill,[3] 1907.
J. L. Richmond,[3] 1908.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[4] Assistant adjutant general.
[11] Past senior vice commander in chief.
[12] Past commander in chief.
[17] Transferred to California and Nevada.
[20] Transferred to Oklahoma.

NORTH DAKOTA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Halsey Curry,[3] 1909.
Albert Roberts,[1] [2] Devils Lake, 1910.
James H. Mathews,[3] 1911.
George W. Kurtz,[3] 1912.
G. B. Vallandigham, Santa Monica, Calif., 1913.
Alexander Hay, Wahpeton, 1914.
John L. Smith,[3] 1915.
Henry Beal,[3] 1916.
Christian Schmidt,[3] 1917.
J. W. Carroll, Lisbon, 1918.
James McCormick,[1] Devils Lake, 1919.
David B. McClain,[3] 1920.
Orange A. Potter,[3] 1920.
Charles P. Stearns,[5] Valley City, 1921.
Smith Stimmel, Fargo, 1922.
H. F. Dinsmore,[2] 1923.
T. C. Conklin, Minot, 1924.
George Hawks, Fargo, 1925.
John A. Searight, Denbigh, 1926.
Charles Cotter,[1] Fargo, 1927.
R. M. Donnelly,[3] 1928.
R. D. Bagley,[3] 1929.
C. H. Palmer,[1] Casselton, 1930.
A. W. Parmenter,[1] Drake, 1931.

OHIO (4)

[Organized January 30, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1931, 1,190. Posts, 164]

Department commander—S. F. Bell,[1] Mansfield.
Senior vice department commander—Charles I. McDargh,[1] Urbana.
Junior vice department commander—M. C. Boice, Cheshire.
Assistant adjutant general—L. N. Conard,[1] Columbus.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
Frederick R. Sparks, Cincinnati.	John E. Hamilton,[1] Dayton.
Theodore Biles,[1] Cincinnati.	Lewis Butler, Cincinnati.
E. L. Enfield, Lebanon.	G. M. Flenner, Hamilton.
J. S. Kimbrough, Wilmington.	A. T. Boswell,[1] Aberdeen.
Wm. F. Brandt,[1] Dayton.	George Roberts, National Military Home.
H. Clay Osborn, South Charleston.	D. M. Robbins, Columbus.
William King,[1] Lancaster.	Geo. W. Fry,[1] Richmond Dale.
A. B. Garrett,[1] Gallipolis.	J. L. Pickering,[1] Athens.
Geo. B. Kearns,[1] Adamsville.	Jos. McConiha, Zanesville.
C. N. Cooper,[1] State Soldiers Home, Erie County.	P. C. Kline,[1] Bellevue.
Byron W. Joslin,[1] Sidney.	A. W. Miles, Tippecanoe City.
Thos. Ridenour,[1] Dupont.	Jos. T. Bushong, Columbus Grove.
Theo. B. Tucker,[1] Toledo.	A. O. Williams, Toledo.
Sol Zarbaugh,[1] Toledo.	D. V. Hartman, Napoleon.
A. E. Oppenheimer, Fremont.	E. J. Scott, Clyde.
F. S. Layton,[1] Marion.	David Seas, Marion.
Geo. D. Neal, Mount Vernon.	Thos. J. Shocker,[1] Mansfield.
J. L. Haskins,[1] Uhrichsville.	T. O. Holliday,[1] Freeport.
Theo. Weels, Cadiz.	Marion Barrett, Cadiz.
Chas. Bonsall, Salem.	H. E. Yingst,[1] Toronto.
Henry F. Russell,[1] Alliance.	Henry Buell, Malverne.
J. A. Kaley,[1] Elyria.	G. H. Houghton, Oberlin.
S. F. Robinson, Columbus.	W. L. Hooper, Columbus.
O. A. Marvin, Lakewood.	G. Roth, Lakewood.
A. D. Miller,[1] Akron.	F. S. Morris,[1] Chardon.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Potts,[3] 1866.
Thomas L. Young,[3] 1867.
J. Warren Keifer,[3] 1868–1870.
William C. Bunts,[3] 1871–72.
G. M. Barber,[3] 1873–74.
Alvin C. Voris,[3] 1875.
William Earnshaw,[3] 1876–77.
Nathan L. Guthrie,[3] 1878.
James H. Seymour,[3] 1879.
James H. Steadman,[3] 1879.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[5] Senior vice department commander.

OHIO—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

David W. Thomas,[3] 1880.
John S. Kountz,[3] 1881.
Charles T. Clark,[3] 1882–83.
H. P. Lloyd,[3] 1884.
R. B. Brown,[3] 1885.
Arthur L. Conger,[3] 1886.
D. C. Putnam,[3] 1887.
Joseph W. O'Neall,[3] 1888.
S. H. Hurst,[3] 1889.
P. H. Dowling,[3] 1890.
A. M. Warner,[3] 1891.
Isaac F. Mack,[3] 1892.
L. H. Williams,[3] 1893.
E. E. Nutt,[3] 1894.
Charles Townsend,[3] 1895.
E. L. Lybarger,[3] 1896.
Henry Kissinger,[3] 1897.
David F. Pugh,[3] 1898.
Thomas R. Shinn,[3] 1899.
Elias R. Monfort,[3] 1900.
Emmett F. Taggart,[1] [2] Akron, 1901.
Walton Weber,[3] 1902.
Arthur C. Yengling,[3] 1903.
B. M. Moulton,[3] 1904.
Amos Huffman,[3] 1905.
George A. Harmon,[3] 1906.
W. S. Rogers,[3] 1907.
John H. Sharer [3] (died in office), 1908.
George Hall,[3] 1908.
Charles H. Newton,[3] 1909.
Henry A. Axline,[3] 1910.
J. F. Johnston,[3] 1911.
Charles W. Blodgett,[3] 1912.
W. R. Warnock,[3] 1913.
J. Kent Hamilton,[3] 1914.
Seeley P. Mount,[3] 1915.
W. H. Surles,[3] 1916.
W. A. Pittenger,[3] 1917.
D. M. Hall,[3] 1918.
H. C. Martindale,[3] 1919.
John M. Adams,[3] 1920.
M. J. Sloan,[3] 1921.
Gaylord M. Saltzgaber,[3] 1922.
Daniel S. Wilder,[3] 1923.
Edmund Burdsall,[3] 1924.
John Ambler, Youngstown, 1925.
Levi H. Derby,[3] 1926.
Jacob Secrest,[1] [11] Cincinnati, 1927.
John McClay,[3] 1928.
Salonas A. Williams, Wellington, 1929.
W. A. Talbott, Cleveland, 1930.
Ayres B. Adams,[1] Cincinnati, 1931.

Joseph O. Gregg,[3] 1892, transferred from Montana.
Frank M. Sterrett,[3] 1903, transferred from Missouri.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. T. Dunn, Findlay, 1900.
J. W. Myers, Hamilton, 1918.
M. O. Messer, Warren, 1924.
George D. Neal, Mount Vernon, 1925.
H. T. Holman, Canton, 1927.
John H. King, Findlay, 1929.
A. Baldwin,[1] Lorain, 1930.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

L. P. Rife, Defiance, 1921.
W. H. Little,[1] Canton, 1928.
J. T. Romig, New Philadelphia, 1930.

OKLAHOMA (44)

[Organized August 7, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1931, 44. Posts, 10. Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at joint encampment held at Guthrie, May 19-22, 1908]

Department commander—LEMUEL C. COFFIN,[1] Oklahoma City.
Senior vice department commander—S. H. PETERS, Garber.
Junior vice department commander—D. C. BOTHEL, El Reno.
Assistant adjutant general—N. D. MCGINLEY, Oklahoma City.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATE
Newton Rector,[1] Hennessey.	A. Fagin.[1]
P. A. Smith,[1] El Reno.	

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[11] Past senior vice commander in chief.

OKLAHOMA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

C. M. Barnes,[3] 1890.
G. M. Coulton,[3] 1891.
D. F. Wyatt,[3] 1892.
T. H. Soward,[3] 1893.
J. P. Cummings,[3] 1894 (see California and Nevada).
H. G. Trosper,[3] 1895.
W. H. Cater,[3] 1896.
C. R. Young,[3] 1897.
G. D. Munger,[3] 1898.
J. J. S. Hassler,[3] 1899.
I. W. Rush,[3] 1899.
M. L. Mock,[3] 1900.
James E. Burns,[3] 1901 (see California and Nevada).
Wesley Taylor,[3] 1902.
Cyrus P. Green,[3] 1903.
S. P. Strahan,[3] 1904.
G. M. Parks,[3] 1905.
Peter A. Becker,[3] 1906.
W. H. Hornaday,[17] Veterans' Home, California, 1907.
H. Veatch,[3] 1908.
William Higgins,[3] 1909.
B. N. Turk,[3] 1910.
Wilberforce Jones,[3] 1911.
W. R. Kelley,[3] 1912.
L. C. Coffin, [1] [7] Elgin, 1913.
George W. Billings,[3] 1914 (died in office).
George W. Fletcher,[3] 1914.
A. A. Beasler,[3] 1915.
Albert Reeves,[3] 1916.
J. C. White,[3] 1917.
F. E. Hills,[3] 1918.
F. M. Cline,[3] 1919.
W. S. Tilton,[17] Burbank, Calif., 1920.
Jacob Amberg, Chandler, 1921.
W. F. Clark,[3] 1922.
J. J. Lyons,[3] 1923.
J. W. Garner,[1] Perkins, 1924.
J. H. Norton,[3] (died in office), 1925.
J. H. Luman, Bristow, 1925.
N. D. McGinley,[4] Oklahoma City, 1926.
W. T. Deupree,[3] 1927.
R. L. Johnson,[1] [2] Tonkawa, 1928.
A. W. Lee, Pawnee, 1929.
J. W. Bridges,[1] Enid, 1930.
A. C. Sims, Oklahoma City, 1931.

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E. Calkins,[3] 1891.
B. F. Harris,[3] 1892.
J. H. Spann,[3] 1893.
Savelon Boyles,[3] 1894.
J. L. Thomas,[3] 1895.
William H. Harrison,[3] 1896.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. M. J. Shriver,[3] 1897.
David Redfield,[3] 1898.
Gideon S. White,[3] 1899.
John S. Hammer,[3] 1900–1902.
J. A. Rose, 1903.
Robert Ross,[3] 1904.
Samuel H. Smith,[3] 1905.
J. F. Ayers,[3] 1906.
A. G. Krutchmer,[3] 1907.

D. W. Eastman,[3] 1898, transferred from Kansas.
John C. Gipson,[21] San Diego, Calif., 1902, transferred from North Dakota.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

W. D. Cole, Oklahoma City, 1931

OREGON (26)

[Organized September 28, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1931, 284. Posts, 22]

Department commander—JAMES W. JONES,[1] Portland.
Senior vice department commander—PHILIP MCLAIN,[1] Portland.
Junior vice department commander—W. T. SMALL, Corvallis.
Assistant adjutant general—JOSEPH E. HALL,[16] Portland.

REPRESENTATIVES

T. M. Kellogg, Portland.
J. T. Blood, Portland.
William M. McLaughlin, Albany.
Royal J. Taylor, Portland.
W. H. H. Dryden.[1]

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[4] Assistant adjutant general.
[7] Department commander.
[16] Past surgeon general.
[17] Transferred to California and Nevada.
[21] Transferred to New York.

OREGON—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

N. S. Pierce,[3] 1882.
G. E. Caulkin,[3] 1883.
F. J. Babcock,[3] 1884.
F. H. Lamb,[3] 1885–86.
M. L. Olmstead,[3] 1887.
A. E. Borthwick,[3] 1888.
E. B. McElroy,[3] 1889.
James A. Varney,[3] 1890.
Owen Summers,[3] 1891.
H. H. Northup,[3] 1892.
J. C. Cooper, McMinnville, 1893.
S. B. Ormsby,[3] 1894.
E. W. Allen,[3] 1895.
D. C. Sherman,[3] 1896.
Frank Reisner,[3] 1897.
C. P. Holloway,[3] 1898.
H. V. Gates,[2] Hillsboro, 1899.
A. J. Goodbrod,[3] 1900.
J. A. Sladen,[3] 1901.
M. L. Pratt,[3] 1902.
David H. Turner,[3] 1903.
B. F. Pike,[3] 1904.
T. E. Hills, Portland, 1905.
Hamer Sutcliffe,[3] 1906.
S. F. Blythe,[3] 1907.
J. T. Apperson,[3] 1908.
James P. Shaw, Portland, 1909.
W. J. R. Beach,[3] 1910.
Newton Clark,[3] 1911.
Thomas B. McDevitt,[3] 1912.
S. W. Taylor,[3] 1913.
H. S. Fargo,[3] 1914.
George A. Harding,[3] 1915.
Joseph E. Hall,[16] Portland, 1916.
J. G. Chambers,[11] Portland, 1917.
Tillman H. Stevens,[3] 1918.
Daniel Webster,[3] 1919.
J. T. Butler,[3] Gladstone, 1920.
C. A. Williams,[3] 1921.
D. L. McKay,[3] 1922.
George R. Castner,[3] 1923.
Henry E. Dosch,[3] 1924 (died in office).
J. L. Crow,[3] 1924.
J. F. Nelson,[3] 1925.
William Clemmens,[3] 1926.
H. S. Lillagar,[3] 1927.
William Clemmens,[3] 1928.
L. C. Washburn,[3] 1929 (died in office).
Charles True,[3] 1929 (died in office).
Gideon Stolz, Salem, 1929.
William M. Colvig, Medford, 1930.
Charles M. Eichler, Eugene, 1931.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Rufus Wagner, Newport, 1922

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Hay, Forest Grove, 1923.
J. L. Marshall,[3] Newberg, 1924.
George Knieriem, Corbett, 1925.
Royal Taylor, Portland, 1927.

PENNSYLVANIA (3)

[Organized January 16, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1931, 1,428. Posts, 142]

Department commander—JACOB BARRON,[1] Philadelphia.
Senior vice department commander—JACOB URICH,[1] Harrisburg.
Junior vice department commander—JOHN W. WILLIAMS,[1] Etna.
Assistant adjutant general—SAMUEL P. TOWN,[1 22] Philadelphia.

REPRESENTATIVES

Louis F. Barger, Erie.
James B. Nicholson, Philadelphia.
Harry W. Dripps,[1] Derry.
E. F. Dickey, Derry.
George W. Gillett,[1] Philadelphia.
Louis B. Lomax, Marcus Hook.
Samuel R. Steele, Freeport.
William Donley,[1] Philadelphia.
Samuel B. Hanson, Philadelphia.
Henry T. Greenwood,[1] Philadelphia.
Henry Cash,[1] Philadelphia.
John S. Lewis, Allentown.
John J. Nichols, N. S., Pittsburgh.

ALTERNATES

Samuel S. Fowler, Philadelphia.
Dennis Casterlin, Philadelphia.
Matthew McDonald, Pittsburgh.
Wm. H. Merriman,[1] Latrobe.
Isaac Lute, Latrobe.
Albert Insinger, Philadelphia.
James A. O'Daniel, Philadelphia.
Wm. H. Walker, Philadelphia.
C. B. Marshman,[1] West Chester.
Robert M. Simmers, Phoenixville.
Theo. Glass, Ephrata.
J. V. Mickert, Philadelphia.
Patrick Burgin, Philadelphia.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[11] Past senior vice commander in chief.
[16] Past surgeon general.
[22] Commander in chief.

PENNSYLVANIA—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES—continued

Rufus G. Brown, Canton.
Henry Landis, Lancaster.
Thomas Wardrop,[1] Mt. Carmel.
Joseph C. Doyle,[1] Philadelphia.
John Speer,[1] Pittsburgh.
A. T. Anderson,[1] Washington.
Wade J. Day,[1] Washington.
John R. Hoak, Tarentum.
John B. Buchanan, sr.,[1] Philadelphia.
J. L. Chapman,[1] Scranton.
E. E. Rozelle,[1] Scranton.
John Little,[1] Wilkinsburg.
William J. KcKain, Pittsburgh.
George W. Boyer, Kersey.
George W. Watson,[1] Lancaster.
M. G. Fritz, Greenville.
H. V. Carls,[1] Altoona.

ALTERNATES—continued

J. D. Cameron, Harrisburg.
Z. T. Kirk,[1] Philadelphia.
George G. Kayan,[1] Philadelphia.
Lorenzo Whitney, Wilkes-Barre.
H. A. Kissinger, Birdsboro.
William T. Simpson,[1] Scranton.
A. E. Russell, Oil City.
C. E. Eckles, Uniontown.
James K. Snyder, Carlisle.
O. L. Rew, Franklin.
S. C. Foster, Sharon.
J. W. King, Greensburg.
James H. Bishop, Carversville.
A. M. Stroh, Port Treverton.
C. M. Beidell, Shippensburg.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Louis Wagner,[3] 1866–67.
A. L. Pearson,[3] 1868.
O. C. Bosbyshell,[3]1869.
Howard J. Reeder,[3] 1870–71.
Frank Reeder,[3] 1872.
Robert B. Beath,[3] 1873.
A. Wilson Norris,[3] 1874.
W. W. Tyson,[3] 1875.
James W. Latta,[3] 1876.
Samuel I. Given,[3] 1877.
Charles T. Hull,[3] 1878.
George L. Brown,[3] 1879.
Chill W. Hazard,[3] 1880.
John Taylor,[3] 1881.
John M. Vanderslice,[3] 1882.
E. S. Osborne,[3] 1883.
Frederick H. Dyer,[3] 1884.
F. Austin Curtin,[3] 1885.
J. P. S. Gobin,[3] 1886.
Samuel Harper,[3] 1887.
Frank J. Magee,[3] 1888.
Thomas J. Stewart,[3] 1889.
Joseph F. Denniston,[3] 1890.
George G. Boyer,[3] 1891.
John P. Taylor,[3] 1892.
Thomas G. Sample,[3] 1893.
William Emsley,[3] 1894.
H. H. Cumings,[3] 1895.
James E. Porter,[3] 1895, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.
Alfred Darte,[3] 1896.
William D. Stauffer,[3] 1897.
William J. Patterson,[3] 1898.
James M. Davis,[3] 1898, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.
James F. Morrison,[3] 1899.
Charles Miller,[3] 1900.
Levi G. McCauley,[3] 1901.
R. P. Scott,[3] 1902.
Edwin Walton,[3] 1903.
John McNevin,[3] 1904.
J. Andrew Wilt,[3] 1905.
M. A. Gherst,[3] 1906.
William T. Powell,[3] 1907.
P. De Lacy,[3] 1908.
Thad M. Mahon,[3] 1909.
L. W. Moore,[3] 1910.
N. P. Kingsley,[3] 1911.
Thomas H. Cole,[3] 1912.
William J. Wells,[3] 1913.
John A. Fairman,[3] 1914.
C. C. Gramlich,[3] 1915.
L. F. Arensberg,[2] East Millsboro, 1916.
Noah Dietrich,[3] 1917.
J. D. Hicks,[3] 1918.
George W. Rhoads,[3] 1919.
C. H. Wm. Ruhe, Pittsburgh, 1920.
Charles C. Taylor,[3] 1921.
W. F. Hambright,[1] [23] Lancaster, 1922.
J. J. Shoemaker,[3] 1923.
H. H. Spayd,[3] 1924.
A. M. Breckinridge, Oil City, 1925.
Samuel P. Town,[1] [22] Philadelphia, 1926.
John B. Patrick,[3] 1927.
George I. Rudolph,[1] Pittsburgh, 1928.
Phil Engelskirger, 1929.
Chas. W. Meconnahey,[1] Philadelphia, 1930.
John R. Steele, Norfolk, Va., 1931.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[22] Commander in chief.
[23] Adjutant general.

PENNSYLVANIA—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. H. Druckenmiller, Marietta, 1886.
John V. Miller, Lewisburg, 1889.
Charles F. Chidsey, Easton, 1893.
H. R. Breneman, Lancaster, 1904.
H. E. Paine,[1] Scranton, 1913.
John Woy, Johnstown, 1917.
William H. Heddens, Danville, 1918.
W. A. McKay,[1] Franklin, 1930.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. M. Showalter, Oxford, 1907.
Benjamin L. Myers, Norristown, 1930.

POTOMAC (14)

[Organized February 13, 1869. Membership, December 31, 1931, 73. Posts, 4]

Department commander—WILLIAM F. DORSEY,[1] Washington, D. C.
Senior vice department commander—J. H. SHEPHERD, Berwyn, Md.
Junior vice department commander—HENRY A. JOHNSON,[9] Washington, D. C.
Assistant adjutant general—E. D. GODFREY, Washington, D. C.

REPRESENTATIVE

Alexander Oglesby, Washington, D. C.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Samuel A. Duncan,[3] 1869.
Timothy Luby,[3] 1870–1872.
Frank H. Sprague,[3] 1873–74.
Benjamin F. Hawkes,[3] 1876.
A. H. G. Richardson,[3] 1877.
George E. Corson,[3] 1878.
Harrison Dingman,[3] 1879.
Charles C. Royce,[3] 1880.
William Gibson,[3] 1881.
Samuel S. Burdett,[3] 1882–83.
D. S. Alexander,[3] 1884.
Newton M. Brooks,[3] 1885.
Jerome B. Burke,[3] 1886–87.
Charles P. Lincoln,[3] 1888.
William S. Odell,[3] 1889.
M. Emmett Urell,[3] 1890.
J. M. Pipes,[3] 1891.
A. F. Dinsmore,[3] 1892.
S. E. Faunce,[3] 1893.
Nathan Bickford,[3] 1894.
Marion T. Anderson,[3] 1895.
John McElroy,[3] 1896.
Thomas S. Hopkins,[3] 1897.
Arthur Hendricks,[3] 1898.
Calvin Farnsworth,[3] 1899.
George H. Slaybaugh,[3] 1900.
Israel W. Stone,[3] 1901.
B. F. Bingham,[3] 1902.
I. G. Kimball,[3] 1903.
Abram Hart,[3] 1904.
A. P. Tasker,[3] 1905.
B. P. Entrikin,[3] 1906.
Newton Ferree,[3] 1907.
John S. Walker,[3] 1908.
Edwin H. Holbrook,[3] 1909.
Henry A. Johnson,[9] Washington, 1910.
George C. Ross,[3] 1911.
J. D. Bloodgood,[3] 1912.
Thomas H. McKee,[3] 1913.
J. K. Gleason,[3] 1914.
L. H. Patterson,[3] 1915.
A. H. Huntoon,[3] 1916.
A. H. Frear,[3] 1917.
S. G. Mawson,[3] 1918.
H. B. Snyder,[3] 1919.
John McElroy,[3] 1920–21.
H. L. Deam,[3] 1922.
John W. Reid,[3] 1923.
Briscoe Goodhart,[3] 1924.
Hosea B. Moulton, Washington, 1925.
C. V. Petteys, Washington, 1926.
John L. Clem,[18] Washington, 1927.
W. R. Bobb,[3] 1928.
Harry T. Dunbar,[3] 1928.
S. G. Mawson,[3] 1929.
Frank J. Young, Washington, 1930.
Samuel G. Mawson,[3] 1931.

E. S. Godfrey,[3] transferred from Arizona.
John L. Clem,[18] Washington, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Hazard Wheeler, Washington, 1921.
George H. Kunsman, Washington, 1926.

[1] Present.
[3] Deceased.
[9] Past junior vice commander in chief.
[18] Past senior vice commander in chief.

RHODE ISLAND (11)

[Organized March 24, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1931, 87. Posts. 16]

Department commander—HENRY A. KNOX, Providence.
Senior vice department commander—NEWMAN PINCUS, Providence.
Junior vice department commander—JAMES A. ALGER,[1] Providence.
Assistant adjutant general—FRED A. BURT,[1] Providence.

REPRESENTATIVES

Charles H. Ray, East Providence.
Albert Stone, Providence.
Squire F. Fisk.[1]

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Ambrose E. Burnside,[3] 1868.
Horatio Rogers,[3] 1869.
Charles R. Brayton,[3] 1870–71.
Elisha M. Rhodes,[3] 1872–73.
Edwin Metcalf,[3] 1874.
Edwin C. Pomroy,[3] 1875.
Charles H. Williams,[3] 1876.
Henry J. Spooner,[3] 1877.
Fred A. Arnold,[3] 1878.
Henry R. Barker,[3] 1879.
Charles C. Gray,[3] 1880.
William H. P. Steers,[3] 1881.
Henry F. Jenks,[3] 1882.
Philip S. Chase,[3] 1883.
Andrew J. McMahon,[3] 1884.
Eugene A. Cory,[3] 1885.
Theodore A. Barton,[3] 1886.
Benjamin L. Hall,[3] 1887.
Gideon Spencer,[3] 1888.
Alonzo Williams,[3] 1889.
Benjamin F. Davis,[3] 1890.
Benjamin H. Child,[3] 1891.
David S. Ray,[3] 1892.
George T. Cranston,[3] 1893.
Charles H. Baker,[3] 1894.
Daniel R. Ballou,[3] 1895.
William E. Stone,[3] 1896.
Livingston Scott,[3] 1897.
Samuel W. K. Allen,[3] 1898.
Charles O. Ballou,[3] 1899.
Walter A. Reed,[3] 1900.
Charles P. Moise,[3] 1901.
George H. Chenery,[3] 1902.
James S. Hudson,[3] 1903.
Joseph Wooley,[3] 1904.
Ezra K. Parker,[3] 1905.
George L. Greene,[3] 1906.
Edward Wilcox,[3] 1907.
William O. Milne,[3] 1908.
Francello G. Jillson,[3] 1909.
Charles H. Ewer,[3] 1910.
Ezra Dixon, Bristol, 1911.
Thomas M. Holden,[3] 1912.
George H. Cheek,[3] 1913.
Gilbert Wilson,[3] 1914.
Henry J. Pickersgill,[3] 1915.
Joseph Gough,[3] 1916.
Augustine A. Mann,[3] 1917.
Murdock C. McKenzie,[3] 1918.
Fred A. Burt,[1] [4] Providence, 1919.
William Massie,[3] 1920.
Fred S. Oatley, Norwood, 1921.
Samuel A. Wheldon,[3] 1922.
Zophar Skinner,[3] 1923.
George R. Saunders, Providence, 1924.
William F. Comrie,[3] 1925.
Robert M. Pollard, Pawtucket, 1926.
Christopher M. Carpenter,[3] 1927 (died in office).
William Dunham, Edgewood, 1928.
Charles H. Lewis,[9] Pawtucket, 1929.
Charles H. Bullock,[2] East Providence, 1931.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

James A. Abbott, Providence, 1929

SOUTH DAKOTA (29)

[Organized March 20, 1873. Membership December 31, 1931, 61. Posts, 17]

Department commander—F. BURKE O'BRIEN,[1] Pierre.
Senior vice department commander—H. W. SMITH, Sioux Falls.
Junior vice department commander—W. A. DRAKE,[1] Madison.
Assistant adjutant general—W. H. CORNELL, [1] [2] Brookings.

REPRESENTATIVES

John Norton, Madison.
Stephen Jackson, Custer.

ALTERNATE

H. A. Hoy, Aurora.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[4] Assistant adjutant general.
[9] Past junior vice commander in chief.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thomas S. Free,[3] 1883–84.
W. V. Lucas,[3] 1885–86 (see California and Nevada).
Harrison Allen,[3] 1887.
S. F. Hammond,[3] 1888 (see Minnesota).
George A. Silsby,[3] 1889.
E. T. Langley,[3] 1890 (see California and Nevada).
C. S. Palmer,[3] 1891 (see Vermont).
J. B. Hoit,[3] 1892 (see Minnesota).
N. C. Nash,[3] 1893.
George W. Carpenter,[3] 1894.
S. R. Drake,[3] 1895.
John Ackley,[3] 1896 (died in office).
J. F. Baker,[3] 1896.
C. B. Clark,[3] 1897.
E. P. Farr,[3] 1898.
W. L. Palmer,[3] 1899 (see New York).
Philip Lawrence,[17] Pomona, Calif., 1900.
George W. Snow,[3] 1901.
Thomas E. Blanchard,[3] 1902 (see California and Nevada).
Thomas Reed,[3] 1903.
H. P. Packard,[3] 1904.
J. B. Wolgemuth,[3] 1905 (see Montana).
N. I. Lowthian,[3] 1906.
T. C. DeJean,[3] 1907.
Warren G. Osborn, Zephyrhills, Fla., 1908.
Alex. S. Stewart,[3] 1909.
N. H. Kingman, Eugene, Oreg., 1910.
Thomas H. Brown,[3] 1911.
O. S. Gifford,[3] 1912 (died in office).
H. L. Ferry,[3] 1912.
John L. Jolley,[3] 1913.
C. A. B. Fox,[3] 1914.
C. S. Blodgett,[3] 1915.
Walter H. Carr,[3] 1916.
J. C. Luce,[3] 1917.
James S. Sebree,[3] 1918.
A. L. Van Osdel, Mission Hill, 1919.
E. L. Hurlburt, Rapid City, 1920.
John E. Davis,[1] Lennox, 1921.
A. L. Van Osdel,[24] Yankton, 1922.
H. P. Carson,[1] Huron, 1923.
H. P. Smith,[3] 1924.
W. H. Cornell,[1 2] Brookings, 1925.
R. T. Sedam,[3] 1926.
G. W. Dewey,[3] 1927.
H. C. Smith, Kimball, 1928.
W. A. Drake,[1] Madison, 1929.
E. L. Hurlburt,[25] Rapid City, 1930–31.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. M. Downs, Madison, 1928.
W. A. Thompson,[1] Huron, 1929.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. O. Foote, Sioux Falls, 1928.
Leroy Kinney,[1] Yankton, 1931.

TENNESSEE (34)

[Organized February 26, 1884. Membership, December 31, 1931, 30. Posts, 5]

Department commander—ABNER READ,[1] Chattanooga.
Senior vice department commander—J. J. BYRON, Fountain City.
Junior vice department commander—HARRY SAVAGE, Nashville.
Assistant adjutant general—B. F. BASHOR, Knoxville.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
John H. Jones, Memphis.	Lee H. Humphreys, Knoxville.
Carter Aden, Henry.	Manning Petty, Fountain City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward S. Jones,[3] 1884–85.
E. E. Winters,[3] 1886.
William J. Ramage,[3] 1887.
Wm. Rule,[3] 1888.
A. H. Pettibone,[3] 1889.
Chas. F. Muller,[3] 1890.
A. J. Gahagan,[3] 1891.
H. C. Whittaker,[3] 1892.
Frank Seaman,[3] 1893.
W. F. Milburn,[3] 1894.
W. J. Smith,[3] 1895.
H. B. Case,[3] 1896–97.
W. H. Nelson, Roan Mountain, 1898.
A. H. Crumbliss,[3] 1899.
S. T. Harris,[3] 1900.
M. M. Harris,[3] 1901.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[17] Transferred to California and Nevada.
[24] Department commander, 1919.
[25] Department commander, 1920.

TENNESSEE—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

G. W. Patton, 1902–3.
Ben. A. Hamilton,[3] 1904.
W. W. French,[3] 1905.
John T. Wilder,[3] 1906.
Will A. McTeer,[3] 1907.
S. W. Tindell, Johnson City, 1908.
D. Minor Steward,[3] 1909.
Ignaz Fanz,[3] 1910.
C. H. Flournoy,[3] 1911.
A. M. Gamble,[3] 1912.
W. D. Atchley,[3] 1913.
D. D. Nicholas,[3] 1914.
F. M. Underwood,[2] Rockwood, 1915.
J. R. Kennedy, Louisville, 1916.
O. C. Kinley,[3] 1917.
W. F. Roberts, Memphis, 1918.
F. M. Fessenden,[3] 1919.
O. L. Thompson,[3] 1920.
W. W. Lowry,[3] 1921.
P. W. Evans,[3] 1922.
John H. Simpson,[3] 1923.
John Farmer,[3] 1924.
M. F. Miller, Chattanooga, 1925.
John Gray,[3] Greeneville, 1926.
P. M. Keeble,[3] 1927.
J. G. Hoback, Athens, 1928.
C. G. Mathews, Nashville, 1929.
Harmon Kries, Knoxville, 1930.
B. J. Meadows, Knoxville, 1931.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Sam T. Briggs,[3] Kingston, 1928.
I. N. Wakefield, Nashville, 1929.
C. M. Childress, Knoxville, 1930.
James Turner, Chattanooga, 1931.

TEXAS (38)

[Organized March 25, 1885. Membership December 31, 1931, 34. Posts, 5]

Department commander—JOHN SHEARER,[1 2] Houston.
Senior vice department commander—W. A. MERCHESON, Denison.
Junior vice department commander—GEORGE LOOMIS, Dallas.
Assistant adjutant general—J. S. EWING, San Antonio.

REPRESENTATIVES

G. W. Windus, San Antonio.
F. J. Morgan, San Antonio.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. D. Wylie,[3] 1885.
O. T. Lyon,[3] 1886.
W. H. Sinclair,[3] 1887.
J. C. De Gress,[3] 1888.
A. G. Malloy,[3]1889.
A. K. Taylor,[3] 1890.
M. W. Mann,[3] 1891.
O. G. Peterson,[3] 1892.
J. W. Park,[3] 1893.
R. M. Moore,[3] 1894.
W. W. Bostwick,[3] 1895.
G. W. McCormick,[3] 1896.
Ed. N. Ketchum,[3] 1897.
W. F. Conner,[3] 1898.
John Roach,[3] 1899.
Charles B. Peck,[3]1900.
P. B. Hunt,[3] 1901.
C. C. Haskell,[3] 1902.
John H. Bolton,[3] 1903.
John L. Boyd, Dallas, 1904.
E. A. Russell,[3] 1905.
H. W. Harvey,[3] 1906.
L. L. Whitaker,[3] 1907.
T. M. Wingate,[3] 1908.
Calvin R. Hubbard,[3] 1909.
J. S. Dunlap, Dallas, 1910.
W. S. Kretsinger,[3] 1911.
E. P. Brown,[3] 1912.
Sidney Tuttle,[3] 1913.
Robert McCormick,[3] 1914.
C. S. Brodbent,[3] 1915.
C. A. Cahoon,[3] 1916.
M. B. Young,[3] 1917.
Anson Miller,[3] 1918.
Edward Loomis,[3] 1919.
Max Hart, Houston, 1920.
G. E. Allgaier,[3] 1921.
R. P. Cooper, Dallas, 1922.
W. H. Blake,[3] 1923.
John Buchanan, San Antonio, 1924.
John Shearer,[2] Houston, 1925.
D. L. Wagner,[3] 1926.
L. D. Daggett, San Antonio, 1927.
F. J. Yingling, Dallas, 1928.
A. W. Robbins, San Antonio, 1929.
John Shearer,[2] 1930–31.

[1] Present. [2] National council of administration. [3] Deceased.

TEXAS—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. W. Woodcock, Amarillo, 1929.
J. C. McWhirter, Forth Worth, 1930.
W. A. McKinison, Denison, 1931.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Z. T. Sission, Houston, 1928

UTAH (33)

[Organized October 8, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1931, 31. Posts, 4]

Department commander.....Elias Price,[1] Salt Lake City.
Senior vice department commander.....N. D. Corser, Salt Lake City.
Junior vice department commander.....Henry S. Emrick, Salt Lake City.
Assistant adjutant general.....Ira Stormes,[1] [2] Salt Lake City.

REPRESENTATIVE

J. H. Van Horn[1]

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George C. Douglas,[3] 1883.
Ransford Smith,[3] 1884.
H. C. Wardleigh,[3] 1885.
Elijah Sells,[3] 1886.
Eli H. Murray,[3] 1887.
Nathan H. Kimball,[3] 1888.
Henry T. Snyder,[3] 1889.
Henry Page,[3] 1890.
Frank Hoffman,[3] 1891.
James R. Elliott,[3] 1892.
J. W. Greenman,[3] 1893.
T. C. Iliff,[3] 1894.
C. O. Farnsworth,[3] 1895.
M. M. Kellogg,[3] 1896.
T. C. Bailey,[3] 1897.
N. H. Ives,[3] 1898.
M. M. Kaighn,[3] 1899.
M. A. Breeden,[3] 1900 (see California and Nevada).
Rudolph Alf,[3] 1901.
W. M. Bostaph,[11] San Leandro, Calif., 1902 (see California and Nevada).
F. H. Clark,[3] 1903.
Henry P. Burns,[3] 1904.
E. T. Hulaniski,[3] 1905.
B. M. Sperry,[3] 1906.
Alfred Kent,[3] 1907.
R. G. Sleater,[3] 1908.
Lucian H. Smith,[3] 1909.
T. C. Lundy,[3] 1910.
A. B. Lawrence,[3] 1911.
J. W. Brown,[3] 1912 (died in office).

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Frank H. Hall,[3] 1912.
Reuben Oehler,[3] 1913.
N. A. Heath,[3] 1914.
H. G. Rollins,[3] 1915.
N. D. Corser,[5] Salt Lake City, 1916–17.
J. C. A. Warfield, Sawtelle, Calif., 1918.
C. W. A. Schnell,[3] 1919.
Ezra D. Haskins,[3] 1920–21.
A. Van Patten, Ogden, 1922.
W. L. Goodsell,[3] 1923–25.
L. L. Hudson,[3] 1926–27.
W. R. Smethers, Ogden, 1928.
Elias Price,[7] Salt Lake City, 1929–31.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

W. H. Otterbach, Provo, 1929

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

George Deitz, Sawtelle, Calif., 1924

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[5] Senior vice department commander.
[7] Department commander.
[11] Past senior vice commander in chief.

VERMONT (13)

[Organized December 23, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1931, 54. Posts, 11]

Department commander—CHARLES HEYER,[1] St. Johnsbury.
Senior vice department commander—CHARLES YOUNG, Rutland.
Junior vice department commander—CHARLES EMERSON, Lancaster.
Assistant adjutant general—W. W. HOLDEN,[1] Northfield.

REPRESENTATIVES

C. W. Wheeler, Woodbury.
George Bridge, Morrisville.

ALTERNATE

Harvey Noyce, St. Johnsbury.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George P. Foster,[3] 1869.
W. W. Henry,[3] 1870–71.
W. G. Veasey,[3] 1872–73.
Stephen Thomas,[3] 1874–75.
T. S. Peck,[3] 1876–77.
J. H. Goulding,[3] 1878–79.
G. W. Hooker,[3] 1880–81.
A. B. Valentine,[3] 1882–83.
C. C. Kinsman,[3] 1884.
W. L. Greenleaf,[3] 1885.
G. T. Childs,[3] 1886.
P. D. Blodgett,[3] 1877.
H. E. Taylor,[3] 1888.
A. S. Tracy,[3] 1889.
Z. M. Mansur,[3] 1890.
D. L. Morgan,[3] 1891.
H. Henry,[3] 1892.
G. W. Doty,[3] 1893.
C. F. Branch,[3] 1894.
B. Cannon, jr.,[3] 1895.
N. M. Puffer, 1896.
E. W. Jewett,[3] 1897.
L. B. Harris,[3] 1898.
F. G. Butterfield,[3] 1899.
U. A. Woodbury,[3] 1900.
J. H. Lucia,[3] 1901.
R. E. Hathorn,[3] 1902.
Frank Kenfield,[3] 1903.
J. E. Eldredge,[3] 1904.
S. H. Wood,[3] 1905 (see Florida).
J. A. Sheldon,[3] 1906.
A. C. Brown,[3] 1907.
C. E. Beach,[26] St. Petersburg, Fla., 1908.
A. B. Franklin,[3] 1909.
E. J. Foster,[3] 1910.
C. M. Ferrin,[16] Essex Junction, 1911.
A. A. Niles,[3] 1912.
Thomas Hannon,[3] 1913.
Edward Baker, Montpelier, 1914.
George P. Martin,[3] 1915.
H. C. Streeter,[3] 1916.
C. T. S. Pierce,[3] 1917–18.
A. T. Woodward,[3] 1919.
L. W. Bush,[3] 1920.
John R. Wilson,[3] 1921
Charles H. Cota,[3] St. Albans, 1922.
C. H. Granger,[3] 1923.
C. H. Stone,[3] 1924.
W. W. Martin,[3] 1925.
A. C. Stoughton,[3] 1926.
L. P. Butts, North Hyde Park, 1927.
W. H. Pierce,[3] 1928.
J. H. Amadon,[1 2] Waterville, 1929.
W. W. Holden,[4] Northfield, 1930.
W. T. Reed, St. Johnsbury, 1932.

C. S. Palmer[3] 1899, transferred from South Dakota.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Harry Powers, Londonville, 1931

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA (15)

[Organized December 23, 1871. Membership, December 31, 1931, 16. Posts, 4]

Department commander—CHARLES GRANDY,[1] Norfolk, Va.
Senior vice department commander—CORELIOUS GARNER, Norfolk, Va.
Junior vice department commander—MOSES WHITE, Norfolk, Va.
Assistant adjutant general—ISAAC NICHOLS, Norfolk, Va.

REPRESENTATIVE

Thomas Spratt, Norfolk

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[4] Assistant adjutant general.
[16] Past surgeon general.
[26] Transferred to Florida.

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William W. Eaton,[3] 1874.
William H. Appenzeller,[3] 1875–76.
William Ryder,[3] 1877.
R. G. Staples,[3] 1878.
Richard Bond,[3] 1879.
A. B. Hurlburt,[3] 1880.
W. Hervey King,[3] 1881.
P. T. Woodfin,[3] 1882–83.
B. C. Cook,[3] 1884.
H. De B. Clay,[3] 1885–86.
John W. Woodman,[3] 1887–88.
R. P. Wheeler,[3] 1889.
N. J. Smith,[3] 1890.
H. D. Nichols,[3] 1891.
Edgar Allen,[3] 1892.
W. Whitcomb,[3] 1893.
J. G. Fulton,[3] 1894.
James E. Porter,[3] 1895 (see Pennsylvania).
H. W. Weiss,[3] 1896.
James W. Stebbins,[3] 1897.
James M. Davis,[3] 1898 (see Pennsylvania).
John W. Rutter,[3] 1899.
A. B. Heistand,[3] 1900.
Peter Morton,[3] 1901.
C. D. Grew,[3] 1902.
H. M. Haas,[3] 1903.
J. C. Fowler,[3] 1904.
Isaac Powell,[3] 1905.
D. R. Wilson,[3] 1906 (see New York).
A. A. Hager,[3] 1907.
Thomas Fogarty,[3] 1908.
Frank M. Work,[3] 1909.
Charles H. Haber,[3] 1910–1927 (died in office).
Charles Grandy,[7] Norfolk, Va., 1927–31.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry W. House, Portsmouth, Va.
M. W. Wynn, New Bern, N. C.

WEST VIRGINIA (28)

[Organized April 9, 1868; reorganized February 29, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1931, 102. Posts, 9]

Department commander—S. W. Coffey,[1] Wheeling.
Senior vice department commander—W. H. Morris,[1] Williamstown.
Junior vice department commander—J. A. Bowen, Proctorville.
Assistant adjutant general—Perley Dunsmoor, Parkersburg.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. W. Moyers, Parkersburg.
William Satow,[1] Parkersburg.
J. M. Smith, Wheeling.

ALTERNATES

Jonah Bayles, Morgantown.
J. Jones, Berea.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Flick,[3] 1883.
C. B. Smith,[3] 1884.
John Carlin,[3] 1885.
G. W. Taggart,[3] 1886.
Lee Haymond,[3] 1887.
R. E. Fleming,[3] 1888.
S. S. Hazen,[3] 1889.
George Walker,[3] 1890.
I. H. Duval,[3] 1891.
Charles E. Anderson,[3] 1892.
Anthony Smith, Wick, 1893.
F. H. Crago,[3] 1894.
R. E. Lee,[3] 1895.
R. H. Freer,[3] 1896.
Thomas A. Maulsby,[3] 1897.
Richard Robertson,[3] 1898.
Charles R. LeValley,[3] 1899.
Arnold Brandley,[3] 1900.
M. B. Bartlett,[3] 1901.
C. C. Mathews,[3] 1902.
Alex C. Moore,[3] 1903.
O. H. Michaelson,[3] 1904.
J. W. Shroyer,[3] 1905.
Thomas M. Mills,[3] 1906.
I. M. Adams,[3] 1907.
Thomas H. Marks,[3] 1908.
D. Mayer,[3] 1909.
J. L. Caldwell,[3] 1910.
Thomas V. Salisbury,[3] 1911.
E. A. Billingslea,[3] 1912.
John M. Millan,[3] 1913.
T. G. Hammond,[3] 1914.
C. T. Reed,[3] 1915.
James T. Piggott,[3] 1916.
S. R. Hanen,[3] Glen Easton, 1917.
W. T. Cox,[3] 1918.
L. B. Moore,[3] 1919.
W. S. Grafton,[3] 1920.
H. S. White,[3] 1921.
W. S. Clark,[3] 1922.
T. S. Bonar,[3] 1923.
W. W. Rogers,[3] 1924.

[1] Present. [3] Deceased. [7] Department commander.

WEST VIRGINIA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Smith Risinger,[3] 1925.
William Keely,[3] 1926.
P. Dunsmoor,[4] Parkersburg, 1927.
W. W. Riley,[3] 1928.
J. T. McCombs,[1] Moundsville, 1929.
Thomas Carder,[1] 1930.
S. W. Coffey,[7] Wheeling, 1931–1932.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30)

[Organized June 20, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1931, 307. Posts, 32

Department commander—T. F. Coley,[1] Seattle.
Senior vice department commander—R. C. Reed, Seattle.
Junior vice department commander—J. Hobbs,[1] Spokane.
Assistant adjutant general—George L. Foster, Seattle.

REPRESENTATIVES

George Wicks, Dayton.
John Hammerly, Spokane.
S. B. Tift, Everett.
D. W. Edgar,[1] Seattle.
E. D. Randall,[1] Seattle.
Marcus Jones,[1] Spokane.
Marcus Paup, Seattle.

ALTERNATES

W. H. Howard, Spokane.
Henry Schimrye, Bellingham.
A. T. Haven, Seattle.
Edward Clark, Seattle.
Hugh Smith, Seattle.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. W. Sparling,[3] provisional, 1878–1882.
George D. Hill,[3] 1883.
H. A. Morrow,[3] 1884.
A. M. Brooks,[3] 1885.
C. M. Holton,[3] 1886.
A. P. Curry,[3] 1887.
J. W. Sprague,[3] 1888.
S. C. Cosgrove,[3] 1889.
M. M. Holmes,[3] 1890.
D. G. Lovell, [3] 1891.
J. Sox Brown,[3] 1892.
J. F. Sinclair,[3] 1893.
J. N. Scott,[3] 1894.
Norman Buck,[3] 1895.
C. T. Patterson,[3] 1896.
J. F. McLean,[3] 1897.
George W. Tibbetts,[3] 1898.
J. W. Langley,[3] 1899.
B. R. Freeman, Spokane, 1900.
H. A. Bigelow,[3] 1901.
B. C. Bedell,[3] 1902.
T. H. Cavanaugh,[3] 1903.
F. M. Davis,[3] 1904 (see California and Nevada).
J. T. Goss,[3] 1905.
C. B. Dunning,[3] 1906.
W. H. Mock,[3] 1907.
George H. Boardman,[3] 1908.
Lyman Banks,[3] 1909.
W. H. Wiscombe,[3] 1910 (see California and Nevada).
F. H. Hurd,[3] 1911.
R. R. Harding,[3] 1912.
J. E. Stewart,[3] 1913.
H. R. Gale, Seattle, 1914.
H. W. North, Orting, 1915.
J. E. Gandy,[1] [2] Spokane, 1916.
John J. See,[17] Pasadena, Calif., 1917.
S. F. Street,[3] 1918.
A. A. Stevens, Wenatchee, 1919.
O. D. McDonald,[3] 1920.
J. H. Coffman,[3] 1921.
Enoch Sears, Spokane, 1922.
W. P. Cragin,[3] 1923 (died in office).
John A. Harris,[3] 1923.
A. P. Lawrence,[3] 1924.
William J. Baker,[3] 1925.
J. H. Shaw,[3] 1926.
Byron Phelps, Seattle, 1927.
Henry P. Burdick, Tacoma, 1928.
Willis Richardson, Bellingham, 1929.
W. W. Work,[3] 1930.
R. W. Black,[1] Spokane, 1931.

John E. Phelps,[3] 1889, transferred from Missouri.
E. A. Shores,[3] 1912, transferred from Wisconsin.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

C. E. Bartholomew, Spokane, 1930.
Geo. E. Paine, Bellingham, 1931.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. E. Emmerson, Seattle, 1926.
George Avery, Spokane, 1928.
George Wick, Dayton, 1929.
J. C Collins,[1] Tacoma, 1931.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[4] Assistant adjutant general.
[7] Department commander.
[17] Transferred to California and Nevada.

WISCONSIN (2)

[Organized June 7, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1931, 520. Posts 108]

Department commander—GEORGE L. THOMAS,[1] Milwaukee.
Senior vice department commander—F. FUNK, Waukesha.
Junior vice department commander—M. W. Wheeler,[1] Whitewater.
Assistant adjutant general—E. B. HEIMSTREET,[1] [2] Lake Mills.

REPRESENTATIVES

W. H. Wheeler,[1] Beloit.
J. S. Meyers,[1] Madison.
Henry Held,[1] Milwaukee.
R. A. Bigford,[1] Fond du Lac.
W. P. Bryant,[1] Sheboygan Falls.
William Hopper,[1] Friendship.
T. Sheerin,[1] Neenah.
Peter Crave,[1] Beloit.
W. H. Ellis,[1] Milwaukee.
John A. Bigley,[1] La Crosse.
T. R. Morris,[1] Palmyra.

ALTERNATES

A. H. Perry, Beloit.
T. H. Morris, Palmyra.
John Ellison, Milwaukee.
H. E. Eichfeld, Milwaukee.
R. C. Bigford, Fond du Lac.
W. H. Hopper, Friendship.
E. A. Prink, Waupaca.
H. C. Smith, Green Bay.
Casper Miller, Ossio.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James K. Proudfit,[3] 1866.
H. A. Starr,[3] 1867.
J. M. Rusk,[3] 1868.
T. S. Allen,[3] 1869–70.
Edward Ferguson,[3] 1871–72.
A. J. McCoy,[3] 1873.
G. A. Hannaford,[3] 1874–75.
John Hancock,[3] 1876.
H. G. Rogers,[3] 1877.
F. S. Hammond,[3] 1878.
Griff J. Thomas,[3] 1879–1881 (see Nebraska).
H. M. Enos,[3] 1882.
Philip Cheek,[3] 1883–84.
James Davidson,[3] 1885.
Lucius Fairchild,[3] 1886.
H. P. Fisher,[3] 1886.
Michael Griffin,[3] 1887.
A. G. Weissert,[3] 1888.
L. Ferguson,[3] 1889.
Benjamin F. Bryant,[3] 1890.
W. H. Upham,[3] 1891.
C. B. Welton,[3] 1892.
E. A. Shores,[3] 1893 (see Washington and Alaska).
J. A. Watrous,[3] 1894.
W. D. Hoard,[3] 1895.
D. Lloyd Jones,[3] 1896.
E. B. Gray,[3] 1897.
C. H. Russell,[3] 1898.
Henry Harnden,[3] 1899.
S. H. Talmadge,[3] 1899.
David J. James,[3] 1900.
A. H. DeGroff,[3] 1901.
J. H. Agen,[3] 1902.
J. P. Rundle,[3] 1903.
Pliny Norcross,[3] 1904.
F. A. Copeland,[3] 1905.
John W. Ganes,[3] 1906.
John C. Martin, Mineral Point, 1907.
E. D. Coe,[3] 1908.
R. B. Lang,[3] 1909.
William H. Grinnell,[3] 1909.
Frank A. Walsh,[3] 1910.
Hiram J. Smith,[3] 1911.
George W. Spratt, Sheboygan Falls, 1912.
Charles H. Henry, Eau Claire, 1913.
Samuel A. Cook.[3] 1914.
W. J. McKay,[3] 1915.
O. L. Rosenkrans,[3] 1916.
W. A. Wyse,[3] 1917.
George D. Breed,[3] 1918.
Robert R. Campbell,[3] 1919.
Walter O. Pietsch,[3] 1920.
M. L. Snyder,[3] 1921.
James F. Carle, Janesville, 1922.
Alfred S. Eaton, Superior, 1923.
George W. Morton,[13] Berlin, 1924.
Henry Hase,[3] 1925.
Henry Stannard, Greenbush, 1926.
Henry C. Eaton,[3] 1927.
G. H. Pounder,[1] Port Atkinson, 1928.
Lloyd D. Sampson,[3] Milwaukee, 1929.
John H. Helfweg,[3] 1930.
W. H. Chesbrough,[1] Beloit, 1931.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert Boyd, Eau Claire, 1922.
A. G. Dinsmore, Oshkosh, 1923.
Louis Hoberg,[1] Sheyboygan, 1925.
J. A. Arthur,[3] Milwaukee, 1926.
A. R. Van Matre,[3] Darlington, 1927
Henry Held,[1] Milwaukee, 1928.
J. D. Vermilyea, Eau Claire, 1930.
J. A. Bigley,[1] La Crosse, 1931.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Milton Selby,[1] La Crosse, 1930.
C. L. Hooker, Superior, 1931.

[1] Present.
[2] National council of administration.
[3] Deceased.
[13] Past adjutant general.

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Commander in Chief Samuel P. Town
Senior Vice Commander in Chief Oley Nelson
Adjutant General W. F. Hambright
Quartermaster General Edward Hurley

William P. Wright, Chicago, Ill.
David N. Foster, Fort Wayne, Ind.
L. F. Arensberg, East Millsboro, Pa.
John T. Holmes, Baltimore, Md.
M. H. Davidson, Louisville, Ky.
Joseph A. Goodrich, Jersey City, N. J.

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John R. King, Baltimore, Md.
Louis F. Arensberg, East Millsboro, Pa., treasurer.

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Assistant Adjutant General Alfred E. Stacey, Department of New York.
Assistant Adjutant General M. H. Davidson, Department of Kentucky.
Assistant Adjutant General John P. Risley, Department of Iowa.
Assistant Adjutant General Joseph E. Hall, Department of Oregon.

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Edwin J. Foster, Worcester, Mass.
Alfred E. Stacey, Elbridge, N. Y.
H. A. Johnson, Washington, D. C.
Walter S. Tully, Hillside, N. J.

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Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y.
James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.
James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.
J. W. Priddy, Topeka, Kans.

COMMITTEE TO AUDIT BOOKS OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

William P. Wright, Illinois.
David N. Foster, Indiana.
E. F. Taggart, Ohio.

COMMITTEES TO PREPARE RESOLUTIONS

On the death of Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance:
Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. Van Sant, Minnesota.
Past Commander in Chief Louis F. Arensberg, Pennsylvania.
Past Quartermaster General Charles Burrows, New Jersey.

On the death of Past Commander in Chief Frank A. Walsh:
Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett, Iowa.
Past Department Commander W. H. Chesbrough, Wisconsin.
Past National Patriotic Instructor Smith Stimmel, North Dakota.

DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER OF SENIORITY, ACCORDING TO DATES OF PERMANENT ORGANIZATIONS, AS HERETOFORE ANNOUNCED

No.	Department	Organized
1	Illinois	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey	Dec. 10, 1867
9	Maine	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina As Department of Virginia; name changed to Virginia and North Carolina May 20, 1892.	July 27, 1871
16	Maryland, organized Jan. 8, 1868; reorganized	June 9, 1976
17	Nebraska	June 11, 1877
18	Michigan, organized May 6, 1868; reorganized	Jan. 22, 1879
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866; reorganized	Jan. 23, 1879
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866; reorganized	Oct. 3, 1879
21	Colorado and Wyoming As Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming Aug. 28, 1889.	Dec. 11, 1879
22	Kansas, organized Dec. 7, 1866; reorganized	Mar. 16, 1880
23	Delaware	Jan. 14, 1881
24	Minnesota, organized Aug. 4, 1867; reorganized	Aug. 17, 1881
25	Missouri, organized May 16, 1867; reorganized	Apr. 22, 1882
26	Oregon	Sept. 28, 1882
27	Kentucky	Jan. 16, 1883
28	West Virginia, organized Apr. 9, 1868; reorganized	Feb. 20, 1883
29	South Dakota As Department of Dakota; name changed to South Dakota Apr. 11, 1890.	Feb. 27, 1883
30	Washington and Alaska	June 20, 1883
31	Arkansas	July 11, 1883
32	New Mexico Consolidated with Colorado and Wyoming, 1929.	July 14, 1883
33	Utah	Oct. 8, 1883
34	Tennessee	Feb. 26, 1884
35	Louisiana and Mississippi As Department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888.	May 15, 1884
36	Florida	June 19, 1884
37	Montana	Mar. 10, 1885
38	Texas	Mar. 25, 1885
39	Idaho	Jan. 11, 1888
40	Arizona	Jan. 17, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina	Jan. 25, 1889
42	Alabama	Mar. 12, 1889
43	North Dakota	Apr. 23, 1890
44	Oklahoma As Department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma July 3, 1891.	Aug. 7, 1890
45	Indian Territory Consolidated with and merged into the Department of Oklahoma May 19–22, 1908.	July 3, 1891

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AT SPRINGFIELD, ILL., SEPTEMBER 25 TO 29, 1932

The Sixty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the Majestic Theater at Springfield, Ill., on Wednesday, September 28, 1932, at 2.37 p.m., Comander in Chief Samuel P. Town, of Philadelphia, Pa., presiding.

Commander in Chief Town. The Sixty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will now come to order, the time having arrived for our commencing the business of this encampment.

The chaplain in chief will invoke the Divine blessing.

Chaplain in Chief Jesse B. Bartley, Omaha, Nebr. Almighty Father humbly we bow before Thee, our creator, preserver, guide, and protector. We thank Thee for our lives, for the mercy which has kept us until this hour, for Thy guidance on land and sea by day and by night, for Thy preservation of our national integrity and unity. Be graciously near to our comrades who suffer from disease or wounds, and to the widows and orphans of those who fell in our holy cause. In their distress comfort them, and give us willing hearts and ready hands to supply their needs. Grant that the memory of our noble dead who freely gave their lives for the land they loved may dwell ever in our hearts. Bless our country. Bless our order; make it an instrument of great good. Keep our names on the roll of Thy servants and at last receive us into that grand army where Thou, O God, art the Supreme Commander. Amen.

Commander in Chief Town. Comrades, before proceeding with the business of this encampment I want to say one or two things which I think will be the means of preventing considerable discussion and will make this encampment more harmonious. I want all comrades to understand that nothing except that pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its interests is to be considered in this encampment. If any resolutions are offered on any outside issues the commander in chief will declare them out of order. [Applause.]

We will now proceed with the roll call of officers.

The roll call disclosed the following officers present:

Commander in Chief Samuel P. Town, of Pennsylvania.
Senior Vice Commander in Chief Oley Nelson, of Iowa.
Junior Vice Commander in Chief Russell C. Martin, of California.
Surgeon General Samuel A. Campbell, of Illinois.
Chaplain in Chief Jesse B. Bartley, of Nebraska.
Adjutant General W. F. Hambright, of Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster General Edward Hurley, of New York.
Judge Advocate General John Reese, of Nebraska.

Inspector General Ira R. Wildman, of Connecticut.

National Patriotic Instructor John F. Pickerill, of Washington.

Assistant Adjutant General Fred A. Burt, of Rhode Island.

Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian of Records Jacob Barron, of Pennsylvania.

Chief of Staff Charles E. Nason, of Maine.

Senior Aide-de-Camp Joseph B. Henninger, of Indiana.

Commander in Chief Town. As all the members are provided with a roll of the encampment it will not be necessary to call the roll of members.

The next business in order will be the report of the committee on credentials.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Adjutant General Hambright. Commander in Chief, the committee on credentials report as follows [reading]:

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-sixth National Encampment:

All members of the committee on credentials but Comrade Hall, of Oregon, who is ill, reported for duty Monday. Credentials were received from all 42 departments. The net voting strength of this encampment as shown by the roll is 981. The exact number of representatives present could not be reported to the committee until after the meetings of the various department delegations, and this number will be indicated in the Journal.

The committee is meeting after the close of this session to determine the status of a comrade from Idaho, and we will make a further report on that matter at the next session.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. Hambright, *Chairman.*

Commander in Chief Town. The committee on credentials have made their report and desire that it be accepted, with the privilege of making a later report. Are you ready for the question? All in favor give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes appear to have it; the ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Reports of officers commencing with the address of the commander in chief is the next. If it is in order the commander in chief announces that all have the pamphlet of the reports of the officers including his own report or address. As he is anxious to make this meeting as easy as possible for all the comrades, he does not think it necessary to read his address, as you have it before you. Those that are interested in it will take time to read it at their leisure; and those that do not care for it, it would tire them out to listen to it. So a motion will be entertained that all the reports, including the address of the commander in chief, be received without reading.

Comrade William Jubb, of Florida. I so move you.

Commander in Chief Town. That motion is so made, and that these reports be referred to the proper committees. Are you ready for the question? All in favor give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Comrades: We stand on hallowed ground. In this historic city Abraham Lincoln, martyred President of these United States, passed the days of his young manhood and here were the scenes of his

struggles and his successes. We, assembled here in the Sixty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, have paid homage to his memory by visiting his tomb and placing thereon a floral tribute.

We readily recall the days of 1861–1865 when we answered his call for troops to suppress treason and to restore loyalty in our country, and we remember that when the rebellion was crushed and we returned to our homes, we believed that our country still needed us. For this reason the Grand Army of the Republic was formed; not to foster animosity toward our southern brothers; not to further burden our country, but to keep alive the fraternal spirit existing among the soldiers of the Union Army; to help those comrades unable to properly care for themselves and to aid the widows and orphans of our deceased comrades.

The first post was organized at Decatur, Ill., on the sixth day of April, 1866, and rapidly posts were established throughout the loyal States. We are familiar with the history of the organization from that date until the present; how through the influence of the Grand Army of the Republic homes were established in various States for our disabled comrades, homes for the widows of our deceased comrades and homes and schools for the orphans of comrades, without cost to the United States Government. We may well be proud of the record of the Grand Army of the Republic.

When the Sixty-fifth National Encampment in Des Moines, Iowa, last year you honored me by electing me to the high and responsible office of commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, I assured you that the year would not only be devoted to upholding the high standard of the order, but every possible effort would be put forth to further promote the comfort and happiness of our comrades and the widows of our deceased comrades.

PENSIONS

Early in January of this year the legislative committee was called to meet in Washington, D. C., Monday, February 2, in the interest of pension legislation. Two measures had been introduced in the House of Representatives, one to equalize the pensions of all Civil War veterans at $100 per month and the other providing for a graduated pension for widows of soldiers of all wars, making the pension $50 per month upon the widow reaching the age of 70 years.

The committee on legislation concluded to support both these bills and together with representatives of our auxiliary and allied organizations advocated the passage of both measures before the Committee on Pensions and the Committee on Invalid Pensions. Your committee had every reason to expect the passage of the widows' pension bill as it had the united support of the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Grand Army of the Republic. I visited Washington subsequently on two occasions in further efforts to secure the passage of these bills, but owing to the general depression throughout the country it was impossible to advance either of them beyond the committees.

My interviews with many Members of Congress and the chief of the Veterans' Bureau convinces me that with the return to financial

stability both these measures will become laws. Past Commander in Chief King and I visited President Hoover by appointment and found him sincerely interested in the welfare of our comrades and the widows of our comrades.

There were present at the meeting of the legislative committee on February 2 the following members of our auxiliary and allied orders:

Woman's Relief Corps: National President Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, chairman of legislative committee and Past National President Mrs. Margaret J. Lewis Bennett, and National Secretary and Past National President Mrs. Flo Jamison Miller.

Ladies of the G. A. R.: Mrs. Samuel P. Town.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War: National President Mrs. Harriett J. Goetz, chairman of legislative committee and Past National President Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, Past National President Mrs. Nellie M. Goodman and Mrs. Hermione Sutton, both members of the legislative committee, National Senior Vice President Mrs. Doris B. Merryman, National Treasurer Mrs. Mattie R. Tucker, and National Chaplain Mrs. Helen Alger Smith.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Commander in Chief Frank C. Huston and Everett F. Warner, past department commander of the Maryland department.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: National President Mrs. Willma L. Combs.

These coworkers of ours were present at the congressional committee hearings on both bills on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and at our visit to the House of Representatives when we were conducted to the Speaker's Gallery, where the presence of members of the Grand Army of the Republic was recognized by Speaker Garner, who presented us to the Members of the House, who gave us a standing salute. These members of our allied orders were also with us on Wednesday night at the convention banquet of the Department of Potomac Woman's Relief Corps.

The members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who attended our legislative meetings also attended that week the meetings of the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense. On Monday evening Past Commander in Chief King and I attended the mass meeting of the Conference held in beautiful Constitution Hall, and Mrs. Lowell Fletcher Hobart, president of the conference, asked the audience to "rise in tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic as represented by the presence in one of the boxes of Commander in Chief Samuel P. Town and Past Commander in Chief John R. King."

The national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Harriett J. Goetz, invited the commander in chief and wife with the members of his legislative committee to be the guests of her organization at the banquet of the conference on Tuesday evening. This was a most enjoyable occasion, and we had further evidence of the esteem in which our organization is held by the general public, as many of the ladies came to us to express their pleasure at our presence and their admiration of our organization.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

Your attention is invited to the reports of the adjutant general and quartermaster general, which show a material decline in membership and reduced receipts from per capita tax.

There are 11 departments, each having less than 50 members, and of these 6 departments have less than 25 members. There are 17 departments having less than 10 posts; and of these, 10 have less than 5 posts. These facts are referred to the committee on rules and regulations and ritual for their consideration.

IN MEMORIAM

Death has taken a heavy toll this year, but not so heavy as would be expected in a membership of men of our advanced age. Three thousand one hundred and seventy-three of our members have answered the last roll call; among them three members of the National Council of Administration, Comrades Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas; Samuel A. Wheldon, of Rhode Island; and Coraine Sessoms, of Virginia and North Carolina; 2 past commanders in chief, Ell Torrance and Frank A. Walsh, whose presence will be missed by all at this encampment; 1 past senior vice commander in chief, Gen. J. Warren Keifer; 2 past adjutants general, Comrades William H. Noll and A. L. Emigh; 3 past judge advocates general, Comrades Patrick H. Coney; Samuel H. Hench and W. G. Cochran; 3 department commanders, 45 past department commanders, and several department officers. For them "Taps have sounded; lights are out. The soldiers sleep."

MEMORIAL DAY

It is very gratifying that Memorial Day is religiously observed in every locality where a post exists and in many instances where the posts have surrendered charters and there are no comrades living the ceremonies are conducted by members of our auxiliary and allied orders. It has been my aim to impress upon these organizations their obligation to continue the observance of the 30th day of May as the day instituted by the Grand Army of the Republic in memory of deceased comrades.

OUR AUXILIARY AND ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

As the years pass the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and its Auxiliary, continue to aid and assist the departments, posts, and individual members of the Grand Army, and I am convinced there are many posts functioning to-day that would not be able to do so were it not for the help and encouragement rendered by one or more of these organizations. Our thanks are certainly due them.

VISITATIONS

On my return to Philadelphia from the encampment I found numerous letters from various places in Pennsylvania tendering receptions, an evidence that the comrades highly appreciated having

a comrade from their State so highly honored. Receptions were also tendered by all the allied orders in Philadelphia. All invitations were accepted and visits made to Gettysburg, Lancaster, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Darby, Erie, Brookville, Hawkins Station, and Pittsburgh. I was accompanied on these visits by Mrs. Town, Adjutant General W. F. Hambright, and Assistant Quartermaster General Jacob Barron. I may state here that Mrs. Town accompanied me on all my official visits through the South, the New England States, the Northwest, and the Pacific coast.

Realizing the impossibility of attending all the department encampments, I concluded to visit as many departments as possible, regardless of the meeting of the encampments. That I was justified in this conclusion is fully shown in the following record:

During January visits were made to Chicago and Springfield, Ill., and Milwaukee, Wis. At Chicago and Springfield the presiding officers of all our auxiliary and allied orders were present, and also Adjutant General Hambright, Quartermaster General Hurley, Senior Vice Commander in Chief Nelson, and Comrades Wright, Foster, and Arensberg of the executive committee. I was accompanied to Milwaukee by Comrades Nelson and Hambright, and by Mrs. Harriett J. Goetz, national president Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Flo Jamison Miller, national secretary Women's Relief Corps. Mrs. Town and I were guests in the home of Past Commander in Chief Walsh during our visit.

In Chicago, where we were entertained for two days, following our visit to Springfield, we were shown every courtesy by Col. George D. Gaw, representative of the mayor, by James M. Campbell, then department commander, and Comrade William P. Wright. During this visit Radio Station WLS placed its facilities at the disposal of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the commander in chief and department commander made short addresses.

During February we attended the encampment of the Department of Potomac, and later went to Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y. At Buffalo we were entertained by the Grand Army posts and the allied orders. At Rochester we witnessed the transfer of flags, a beautiful and patriotic ceremony, in the Benjamin Franklin Boys' High School, under the auspices of Capt. Henry Lomb Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Theodore C. Cazeau, commander. Each of the public schools in Rochester has a standard bearer, and every February there is a public ceremony at which the standard bearers transfer the flags to their successors, the standard bearer in each case being the honor pupil of the school. Addresses were made and luncheon was served by the Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. in their dining room.

Early in March we visited Lambertville, N. J., in answer to an urgent appeal from the secretary of the Circle of the Ladies of the G. A. R., who stated that should I accept, the department commander and other department officers would be present and my visit would greatly encourage the members of the post. The visit was successful, there being present members of the post, Department Commander Buckbee and Assistant Adjutant General Tully and members of the allied orders.

Later in the month we started south for the department encampment of Florida at Fort Lauderdale, visiting Knoxville and Chattanooga, Tenn.; Jacksonville, St. Petersburg, Lake Wales, and Miami, Fla., en route. We met many comrades and members of our allied orders at the several cities visited. At Chattanooga we participated in the planting of a tree in the courthouse yard, in memory of Capt. A. J. Gahagan of that city, a faithful attendant and member of the national encampment until the year of his death.

During April we attended the encampments of the departments of Rhode Island at Providence, Massachusetts at Boston, and New Hampshire at Concord, at all of which we experienced that genuine New England hospitality.

The last week of April we started west, visiting Salt Lake City, Utah, where the department encampment was held. They told me that our visit was highly appreciated as they had not been visited in their department encampment by a commander in chief for some years. The local lodge of Elks tendered them the facilities of their club house and assisted in the entertainment.

From Salt Lake City we journeyed to Boise, Idaho; Spokane and Seattle, Wash.; Portland, Oreg.; San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, and Los Angeles, at all of which places we were entertained and met comrades and members of the allied orders, not only from those places but from the suburban towns. We visited the veterans' hospitals in Oregon and California, and inspected the National Soldiers' Home at Sawtelle, Calif. I was accompanied by Junior Vice Commander in Chief Russell C. Martin at all of the California meetings and went with him to extend the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic to the Department of California Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans at Long Beach. He then drove us to the beautiful city of San Diego to the department encampment of California and Nevada, which was well attended and most enthusiastic. On our western trip we were accompanied as far as San Diego by Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, national president, Woman's Relief Corps; her daughter, Doctor Atwood; the national senior aide, Mrs. Marion Bleiler, and Mrs. Harriett J. Goetz, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

From San Diego we went to New Orleans, La, to attend the department encampment. Here also they had not been visited in their encampment by a commander in chief or a representative for some years. Soon after registering at the hotel, members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy called on us and took us for a ride around the city and to visit the Confederate Soldiers' Home, where we had luncheon and were taken through the home and grounds by the commandant, Capt. R. H. Hackney. Later Capt. James Dinkins and Maj. John Crowley, of the Confederate veterans, visited me and I was impressed by the proffer of hospitality and the cordiality shown by these Confederate veterans.

I was also visited by the daughter of a man who had served in the Union Army in an Indiana Regiment. She had been living in the South for many years and was delighted to greet the commander in chief of the Union Soldiers in that southern city, and she later returned to present her husband and small daughter and her mother, that they too might greet a Union soldier.

At all the cities we visited we received loyal receptions by our comrades and the affiliated organizations. Junior Vice Commander in Chief Russell C. Martin, Past Department Comander Peter H. Mass, and Past Junior Vice Commander in Chief Charles H. Haskins, of California and Nevada, and Past Department Commander Judson Spofford, of Idaho, were especially attentive. The same cordial receptions were accorded us on our southern trip. Commander Charles E. Beach called a meeting of the comrades at St. Petersburg, which was well attended, and at Miami Commander D. S. Hunter showed us every attention.

In June we attended the department encampment of New York at Albany, and were the guests of the commissioners of the port of Albany at the ceremonies of the opening of the port. It was my privilege to raise the new American flag in the park, at the river front, by invitation of the Department of New York, Woman's Relief Corps, who presented it to the city.

I was especially glad to be able to attend the encampment of the Department of Maine, at Rockland, as I was informed it had been many years since a commander in chief had visited their encampment. En route home we visited Portland, where we had been invited to attend the reunion of the twenty-sixth (Yankee) Division of the American Expeditionary Forces.

The following week came the encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, and although we had enjoyed the visitations to other departments, it was good to meet and greet again the comrades of my own department who have so loyally stood back of me for many years. I am glad to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of their loyalty and friendship.

The last encampment to be visited was that of my neighboring department, New Jersey, at Wildwood-by-the-Sea, and we spent three pleasant days with the comrades of that department.

DETAILS

Three days after I returned from the national encampment I was informed that I was supposed to represent the Grand Army of the Republic at the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Battle of Yorktown, at Yorktown, Va., the middle of October. Because of the necessity of opening headquarters and issuing General Orders No. 1, I decided to detail Past Commander in Chief John R. King. He accepted the detail and remained for the entire celebration, and I was glad that our organization was so well represented at what Comrade King called "the most remarkable historical event of the century."

Because of conflicting dates it was impossible for me to attend all the department encampments. Of the 42 encampments I attended 12, and in addition made official visits to 6 other departments. In all cases where we had been informed of the date and location of the encampment, a representative or greetings were sent.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Oley Nelson ably represented me at the encampments of Kansas, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Junior Vice Commander in Chief Russell C. Martin was detailed to attend the encampments of Oregon and Washington and Alaska, but was absent from home and returned too late to reach them in time. Adju-

tant General Hambright represented me at the Delaware encampment, where he was accompanied by Assistant Quartermaster General Barron. Headquarters was ably represented at Kentucky by Senior Aide de Camp Henninger, at Missouri by Surgeon General Campbell, at Vermont by Inspector General Wildman, and at Nebraska by Judge Advocate General and Past Commander in Chief Reese.

All past commanders in chief have been ready to assist during the year, and I was glad to be represented at Colorado and Wyoming encampment by Past Commander in Chief Jewel, at Connecticut by Past Commander in Chief Foster, at Minnesota by Past Commander in Chief Van Sant, and at Ohio and West Virginia by Past Commander in Chief Arensberg. Past Surgeon General E. H. Cowan, of Indiana, was visiting in Texas and represented me at the Texas and Oklahoma encampments and Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief Jacob Secrest was detailed to attend the Indiana encampment.

All these comrades reported a good attendance with much of the old enthusiasm displayed. The departments in all cases expressed their appreciation of and satisfaction in the comrades assigned. To these comrades I desire to express my gratitude for their assistance.

Of the 42 departments, 33 were officially visited by the commander in chief or a representative. If these visits encouraged the comrades and departments to carry on, then I am content. I would suggest that the departments not visited this year, have a visit next year, that they too may take courage for the future.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

To the members of my staff, I am most grateful for their willingness to serve. Adjutant General W. F. Hambright and Assistant Quartermaster General Jacob Barron, both lifelong friends, have been constantly at headquarters assisting me in many ways. Quartermaster General Edward Hurley has been diligent, keeping me advised weekly of the details of his office. All other members of the staff have been active in Grand Army work in their departments and it was my pleasure to meet Senior Vice Commander in Chief Oley Nelson and Surgeon General Samuel A. Campbell at Springfield, Ill., in January, Junior Vice Commander in Chief Russell C. Martin at San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego, Calif., National Patriotic Instructor John F. Pickerill at Seattle, Wash., Chief of Staff Charles E. Nason, and Assistant Adjutant General Fred A. Burt during my visit to the New England departments.

Of my secretary, Miss Katherine R. A. Flood, of Newton, Mass., too much good can not be said. Intelligent, industrious, and conversant with every detail of the office, she has proven herself worthy of the confidence reposed in her. She has been of incalculable assistance to me during the year.

CLOSING

And now, my comrades, I have laid before you briefly, a résumé of the year's work. If what I have done meets with your approval then I am satisfied. As I lay down the gavel at the close of this encampment, I pledge to you my continued efforts for the organization we all love.

[For reports of the other officers, see pages 115 to 149.]

Commander in Chief TOWN. Appointment of committees is next in order.

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT. The committee on credentials, you have heard their report. I will read the names of the various committees:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Adjutant General W. F. Hambright, chairman.
Assistant Adjutant General Alfred E. Stacey, Department of New York.
Assistant Adjutant General M. H. Davidson, Department of Kentucky.
Assistant Adjutant General John PJ. Risley, Department of Iowa.
Assistant Adjutant General Joseph E. Hall, Department of Oregon.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

John R. King, of Maryland, chairman.
Edwin J. Foster, of Massachusetts.
Alfred E. Stacey, of New York.
H. A. Johnson, of the Potomac.
Walter S. Tully, of New Jersey.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND RITUAL

Samuel R. Van Sant, of Minnesota.
Lewis S. Pilcher, of New York.
James W. Willett, of Iowa.
James E. Jewel, of Colorado.
J. W. Priddy, of Kansas.

COMMITTEE TO AUDIT BOOKS OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

William P. Wright, of Illinois.
David N. Foster, of Indiana.
E. F. Taggart, of Ohio.

COMMITTEE TO PREPARE RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF ELL TORRANCE

Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. Van Sant.
Past Commander in Chief Louis F. Arensberg.
Past Quartermaster General Charles Burrows.

ON THE DEATH OF PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF FRANK A. WALSH

Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett.
Past Department Commander W. H. Chesbrough, of Wisconsin.
Past National Patriotic Instructor Smith Stimmel, of North Dakota.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett, chairman.
Past Commander in Chief, Samuel R. Van Sant.
Past Commander in Chief Louis F. Arensberg.

COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF ALL OTHER OFFICERS

Albert Dunham, Michigan, chairman.
A. M. Reynolds, Missouri.
George L. Thomas, Wisconsin.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett, chairman.

GREETINGS COMMITTEES

Woman's Relief Corps: James W. Willett, chairman; Frederick H. Bishop, Massachusetts; Charles E. Jones, Alabama.

Ladies of the G. A. R.: James E. Jewel, chairman; Walter S. Tully, New Jersey; Ayres B. Adams, Ohio.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War: John R. King, chairman; Calvin A. Brainard, New York; Charles E. Meconnahey, Pennsylvania.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Oley Nelson, Iowa, chairman; David N. Foster, Indiana; James H. Campbell, Illinois.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Russell C. Martin, California, chairman; J. E. Gandy, Washington and Alaska; Edward T. Abbott, Connecticut.

Commander in Chief Town. Comrades, you have heard the reading of the different committees. They will meet and make their reports at as early a date as possible.

I will announce now the departments that have not presented the names of their comrades who are to serve on the committee on resolutions and also the members of the council of administration.

Comrade Edwin H. Lincoln, of Massachusetts. It is utterly impossible for me to seat my delegation. I was informed that the meeting was to be at the State House. I went down there, and when I came back I found 10 of my delegation seated. I have no seats for 6 more. Will you make some provision in some way?

Commander in Chief Town. We will. Officer of the day, will you go down to the Department of Massachusetts and any comrade that is sitting in the place assigned to the Department of Massachusetts ask him to move so that room may be made for Massachusetts. Comrades, we must have order. Please keep quiet. We are going to read now some very important communications. Please get in your seats as quickly as possible.

I want to make an announcement that if there are any comrades on the floor who are not representatives, they will please retire and take places in the gallery. [Applause.] There is not sufficient seating capacity beyond that for those present as elected delegates. You will have all the accommodations in the gallery that you have on the floor, and probably can hear better there. So you will oblige me very much, comrades. All those who are not elected representatives from their departments, retire and proceed to the gallery and leave the proper seats for the elected representatives. The officer of the day will make known to the commander in chief when all are seated.

Officer of the Day Charles E. Jones, of Alabama. Commander in chief, all are out that are not representatives.

Commander in Chief Town. We will now proceed with the regular order. I want to say that orders were given to provide a sufficient number of chairs for all of the different departments, so there is no reason why any one of the departments should not have seats for all of its representatives.

Now, if you will give attention, please, we will dispose of some communications.

Adjutant General Hambright. Before proceeding with the reading of these letters, I notice a light flickering in the audience of somebody lighting a cigar. Comrades——

Commander in Chief Town. My attention has been called to the fact that some of the comrades are smoking. Now then we have received the courtesy of this hall with the understanding and the promise that there would be no smoking in this hall. [Applause.] It is contrary to the laws of Illinois. So those that have been smoking will please desist. No smoking will be tolerated.

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT. The commander in chief has stated what I intended to say. I noticed a light flickering in the midst of the audience, which is contrary to the law. Comrades, we are all law-abiding citizens and we don't want to violate the law of the State of Illinois while their guests.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. The Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans wish to present their greetings.

The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel while the following committee from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was escorted to the platform: Miss Mayme Dwyer, past national president; Margaret P. Stephens, past national president; Emma Wolff, past national treasurer, Rockford, Ill.; Florence Grundy, department chaplain, Maywood, Ill.; Mildred Ellis, department inspector, Rockford, Ill.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Comrades, I desire to present to you a committee from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Miss MAYME DWYER. Commander in Chief Town, great honors are bestowed upon great people. But to be just an humble American woman and yet to be chosen to represent my national organization to bring greetings to the blue blood of our country almost takes the words out of my mouth. It was my privilege when you visited our department encampment last June to say to you they paid our organization the highest compliment that we could be paid because they knew who we were. We have been often mixed up with other organizations, because the Grand Army family is rather large and we are all striving to do what we possibly can for you. But when you know just who we are and what we are and what we are striving to do, why it just pins a little bunch of roses on us, so we can just straighten up and feel we are important to the Grand Army of the Republic after all. I am somewhat afraid that we just came in when you were just starting the business of the encampment.

Commander in Chief TOWN. You are always welcome.

Miss DWYER. Thank you, but I think good deeds should come at the beginning of an organization, and we hope that with these flowers we will bring you our choicest blessings for your health, for your prosperity, and for a splendid encampment.

I don't need to tell these Grand Army veterans what a splendid commander in chief they have, but we women also know the wonderful work he has accomplished and we have many, many times thanked our Heavenly Father above for the splendid health He has given him to carry on. You are going to have other committees come in. Long drawn-out speeches don't mean a thing. I have no flowery words with which to tell you how much we love you, but if you will just read between the lines what I am saying to you, between these words you will know that deep down in our hearts there is a love that no one can ever explain to you. So in behalf of our national organization, with the love of our National President Willma that you love so much, Commander in Chief Town, we want you to see in these roses her love for you and also the good wishes of the blue blood of the country for our commander in chief and for his organization.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Now we will hear from Mrs. Stephens, past national president of the auxiliary.

Mrs. Margaret P. Stephens. Commander in Chief Town and members of the Grand Army of the Republic: I feel that I am talking to a number of my father's comrades, because my father served in an Ohio regiment. He died a number of years ago, but of course I never go into a Grand Army encampment that my mind does not revert to what the Grand Army of the Republic meant.

I bring to you, along with our past national president who is chairman of the committee, the love and best wishes of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and we wish for you a splendid encampment and hope to meet all of you next year wherever you decide for us to go. I thank you.

Emma Wolff, of Illinois. Commander in Chief Town, we bring to you the greetings of our Illinois division. We feel it was the biggest honor that could come to us, to bring greetings to our fathers of the Civil War. We honor you, respect you, and love you. We honor you for saving for us this wonderful United States of America, and we respect you for the lessons of loyalty that you have ever taught us, and we love you in that you saved for us our beloved flag, the only flag, expression of freedom and justice for all.

The Civil War veterans endured the hardships of fighting in their own country for four long years, and it is to you that we owe our first allegiance. It is to you that we owe the love of our lives. It was you who gave us this country in which we all live, and all we have, and I will say to you in behalf of the Illinois Department that the Auxiliary are always willing and ready to assist you in any way we can. And we promise you as the years roll by that the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans will join the Sons of Veterans in ever keeping your memory green and the flag untarnished as you gave it to us.

I thank you. I want to present these flowers to you with the love of every member of our auxiliary.

Commander in Chief Town. Any other lady?

Mrs. Florence Grundy, Maywood, Ill. We are very happy to have this encampment in the State of Illinois, and I am happy to be here because I am a former Springfield girl. That is the reason I came over here. I want to tell you how happy we are to have the honor of a national encampment in Springfield. Thank you.

Commander in Chief Town. I will call on the senior vice commander in chief, Oley Nelson, to respond to these ladies.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Oley Nelson. Commander in Chief, auxiliary committee, and in general: It is more than a pleasure to me to respond to these greetings for two reasons. One is that I am a son of a veteran of the Civil War, and not only that, but I had the privilege of visiting yesterday, through the courtesy of the commander in chief, the National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. And on behalf of the Grand Army I extend to you as an organization from Illinois, as I understand it, my hearty thanks on behalf of the Grand Army for these pleasant greetings, and on behalf of the commander in chief. I thank you.

Commander in Chief Town. The officer of the day will escort these ladies to the outpost. We are very thankful and appreciate very highly the honor of your giving us this early visit. (The committee retired.)

We will now proceed with the reading of communications.

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT (reading):

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, September 7, 1932.

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic,
Philadelphia, Pa.

MY DEAR COMMANDER TOWN: I thank you most warmly for your invitation to attend the sixty-sixth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Springfield, Ill., on September 18 to 22. This opportunity to honor the veterans of the armies whose valor preserved us a united Nation is so pleasant that only the most urgent call to duty elsewhere could detain me from accepting. I do feel that such a duty requires my continued presence in Washington. The administration has been waging another kind of warfare upon another foe to the safety of this Nation, a campaign upon many fronts to resist the invasion of intangible enemies of our economic life. The invasion has been stopped, and the counterattack is under way, with every prospect of victory. I feel that until this victory is won, I should be derelict in my duty if I left the battlefield upon any except the most vital occasions. I have had before, and I trust that I shall have again, the pleasure of meeting you and your comrades in person. At this year's encampment will you not please speak for me to express my hearty greetings and good wishes and the Nation's gratitude to the heroes of the Civil War?

Yours faithfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

[Applause.]

LANDING, N. J., *September 3, 1932.*

Gen. EDWIN J. FOSTER,
Worcester, Mass.

MY DEAR GENERAL: The receipt of your letter of August 29 gives me much pleasure. Alas, I shall have to give up all idea of going to Springfield. I am somewhat better than I was earlier in the season. I get out, walk about my grounds to a limited extent, but I am under the continual observation of my family. All travel is quite out of the question.

Please give my loving remembrances to all of our old comrades.

Cordially yours,

PILCHER.

That is a letter from Past Commander in Chief Pilcher to Comrade Foster. He is too ill to attend this encampment.

Here is a telegram:

ROGERS, ARK., *September 19, 1932.*

Please announce that all veterans and their families are invited to attend Blue and Gray reunion on Pea Ridge battlefield October 13 and 14.

PEA RIDGE NATIONAL PARK ASSOCIATION,
ROLAND JONES, *Executive Secretary.*

SEPTEMBER 21, 1932.

Commander in Chief SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Grand Army of the Republic, Springfield, Ill.

DEAR SIR: We wish to extend an invitation to all the veterans of the Civil War to our store to see the lifelike statue of Abraham Lincoln which we have had brought here from New York, as a special welcome to them.

This is an exact model of Lincoln and we know all would like to see it. This is the only statue of its kind in the United States. Chairs will be provided in the lobby if they are desired.

We would like it very much if you will come in our store and make yourself known.

Sincerely yours,

THE JOHN BRESSMER CO.,
O. L. PARR,
General Manager and Treasurer.

Here is a letter of greetings from Post No. 9, colored, of Beaufort, S. C. Three members surviving.

BEAUFORT, S. C., *September 19, 1932.*

To the NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, G. A. R.,
Springfield, Ill.

Honorable COMMANDER IN CHIEF, NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS: Regrets from General Hunter Post No. 9, G. A. R., Beaufort, S. C. Sickness and death among us prevent our sending a representative to our beloved and honored national encampment. Our Post No. 9, G. A. R., has been cut down to three members, one dying a few days ago. Wishing you a successful encampment and asking you to accept our excuse, with best wishes,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

GENERAL HUNTER POST No. 9,
TOBY BLAKE, *Officer of the Day,*
D. GREEN, *Adjutant,*
R. M. SMITH, *Commander.*

Here are some more telegrams of greeting:

CINCINNATI, OHIO, *September 19, 1932.*

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill.:

Very sorry that circumstances make it impossible for me to be in attendance at your Sixty-sixth Annual National Encampment. You have our best wishes for its complete success. Your organization have a wonderful record of service and we shall try to emulate its example.

WILLIAM CONLEY,
National Commander Disabled American Veterans of World War.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., *September 21, 1932.*

COMMANDER IN CHIEF, G. A. R.,
Springfield, Ill.

Wishing you a successful convention and many more of them.

OTTO H. PAVEL,
Commander, Harry Barker Camp No. 74,
Department of Illinois, United Spanish War Veterans.

CHICAGO, *September 20, 1932.*

WILLIAM P. WRIGHT,
Care Grand Army of the Republic, Springfield, Ill.:

I regret sincerely that I can not be present to deliver personally to your comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic greetings from the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Department of Illinois. May I ask that you deliver to your convention the sincere wishes of our department for a most successful encampment and the continued success and feeling of mutual comradeship of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Department of Illinois.

HOWARD R. ROBERTS,
State Commander.

CHICAGO, *September 20, 1932.*

COMMANDER IN CHIEF, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

Department of Illinois Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars extends to comrades and sisters of G. A. R. our sincerest best wishes for a happy and constructive convention. Congratulations to old and new officers. May God spare each and every one of you to us for many, many more happy years.

DORIS HOLM,
President of Illinois Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars.

WHITEHOUSE, FLA., *September 20, 1932.*

HEADQUARTERS G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT,
Springfield, Ill.:

Congratulations and best wishes to all comrades of the G. A. R. Regret exceedingly my inability to be present on this great occasion, but due to different and feeble condition I am forced to relinquish this pleasure. Hope you all will enjoy many such occasions in years to come.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

GEORGE E. FIELD,
Past Department Commander of the State of Florida.

MASSILLON, OHIO, *September 19, 1932.*

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

Greetings: It is with deep regret I write instead of being present to enjoy the encampment again this year, last year being the first I have missed in a long time, but on account of eyesight and frailty of body it is impossible for me to travel and get around as I would like. But I assure you my heart is with you and I wish for you one and all a most happy and profitable encampment.

I was happy to read of the spirit of our commander in chief when he said that we would hold encampments as long as there was one comrade left. I say "hurrah." That is the spirit we had in 1861 to 1865.

With best wishes and kindest regards to my comrades in arms. I am,

Yours in F., C., and L.,

WILLIAM H. COUTTS.

BALTIMORE, MD., *September 19, 1932.*

COMMANDER IN CHIEF, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

You are meeting within the shadow of sacred memories. You have an opportunity to render a priceless service to your country and pay the highest possible tribute to the memory of your immortal leader, Abraham Lincoln, by indorsing a reunion between your comrades and those of the Southland, a reunion which just before his untimely death Lincoln so fervently advocated in the words: "We must extinguish our resentment if we expect harmony and union." By officially expressing this magnanimity of ours towards your former foes you will leave a beautiful record to posterity and thereby fulfill the ardent plea of your great commander General Grant who said, "Let us have peace." May your encampment cover itself with undying glory by indorsing this worthy tribute to Abraham Lincoln and timely service to the Nation he preserved.

E. H. PITCHER,
Patriotic Instructor United States Veterans' Association,
Past Department Commander Sons of Union Veterans.

Commander in Chief TOWN. These matters of greeting will be printed in the journal. If any comrade has a resolution to offer at this time it can be presented at the desk of the adjutant general without reading, and it will be referred to the committee on resolutions.

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT. The following departments have not presented the names of their member on the committee on resolutions or the council of administration: Delaware, Florida, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, and West Virginia. Those nine departments have not made any report on members of the committee on resolutions or council of administration. We would like to have those just as soon as possible.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Please have your names written and hand them up to the adjutant general. We can not take them

orally. Those departments that have not furnished a name for the committee on resolutions or their member of the council of administration please do so before we take a recess.

The stenographer will now announce those comrades that have been recommended by the various departments for the committee on resolutions and council of administration.

The shorthand reporter then read the list of names which had been reported by the several departments up to that time as members of the committee on resolutions and council of administration. With the addition of the names later reported, said committees were:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Alabama, Charles E. Jones, Tuscaloosa.
Arkansas, W. B. Brown, Bauxite.
California and Nevada, C. H. Haskins, Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming, Crockett Ricketts, Boulder.
Connecticut, Edward T. Abbott, Bridgeport.
Delaware, no report.
Florida, M. W. Strong, St. Petersburg.
Georgia and South Carolina, J. W. Howder, Fitzgerald, Ga.
Idaho, James W. Shields, Boise.
Illinois, A. C. Best, Princeton.
Indiana, John H. Hoffman, Ligonier.
Iowa, James W. Willett, Tama.
Kansas, Theodore Alvord, Topeka.
Kentucky, J. D. Compton, Covington.
Louisiana and Mississippi, Elihu A. Robinson, Morgan City, La.
Maine, Charles E. Nason, Portland.
Maryland, John R. King, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Frederick H. Bishop, Wollaston.
Michigan, Albert C. Estabrook, Allegan.
Minnesota, Samuel R. Van Sant, Minneapolis.
Missouri, Smith George, St. Joseph.
Montana, no report.
Nebraska, John Reese, Broken Bow.
New Hampshire, Charles H. Estes, Alton.
New Jersey, Charles H. Hopper, Verona.
New York, Alfred E. Stacey, Albany.
North Dakota, Charles Cotter, Fargo.
Ohio, J. S. Kimbrough, Wilmington.
Oklahoma, J. W. Garner, Perkins.
Oregon, J. M. Kellogg, Portland.
Pennsylvania, Louis F. Arensberg, East Millsboro.
Potomac, William F. Dorsey, Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island, Squire F. Fisk, Riverside.
South Dakota, H. W. Smith, Sioux Falls.
Tennessee, no report.
Texas, John Shearer, Houston.
Utah, Ira R. Stormes, Salt Lake City.
Vermont, Charles Emerson, Lancaster, N. H.
Virginia and North Carolina, Charles Grandy, Norfolk.
Washington and Alaska, R. W. Black, Spokane.
West Virginia, no report.
Wisconsin, W. H. Chesbrough, Beloit.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Alabama, Charles E. Jones, Tuscaloosa
Arkansas, John Q. Hayes, Little Rock.
California and Nevada, A. E. Vest, San Diego, Calif.
Colorado and Wyoming, James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.
Connecticut, George A. Tucker, New Haven.
Delaware, no report.

Florida, William Jubb, St. Petersburg.
Georgia and South Carolina, Henry Bruner, Fitzgerald, Ga.
Idaho, Jeremiah Williams, Boise.
Illinois, John E. Andrew, Quincy.
Indiana, David N. Foster, Ft. Wayne.
Iowa, Oley Nelson, Slater.
Kansas, E. W. Phillips, Wichita.
Kentucky, M. H. Davidson, Louisville.
Louisiana and Mississippi, John Ayers, Summit, Miss.
Maine, F. S. Philbrick, Rockland.
Maryland, John T. Holmes, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Edwin H. Lincoln, Pittsfield.
Michigan, Albert Dunham, Lansing.
Minnesota, R. A. Becker, Minneapolis.
Missouri, Peter L. Swartz, Joplin.
Montana, no report.
Nebraska, David Jack, Peru.
New Hampshire, George F. Horne, Nashua.
New Jersey, Joseph A. Goodrich, Jersey City.
New York, Martin V. Stone, Jamestown.
North Dakota, Albert Roberts, Devils Lake.
Ohio, Emmett F. Taggart, Akron.
Oklahoma, R. L. Johnson, Tonkawa.
Oregon, no report.
Pennsylvania, W. F. Hambright, Lancaster.
Potomac, John Middleton, Brentwood, Md.
Rhode Island, Charles H. Bullock, East Providence.
South Dakota, W. H. Cornell, Brookings.
Tennessee, no report.
Texas, John Shearer, Houston.
Utah, Henry S. Emrick, Salt Lake City.
Vermont, John H. Amadon, Waterville.
Virginia and North Carolina, Charles Grandy, Norfolk, Va.
Washington and Alaska, J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash.
West Virginia, Thomas Carder, Parkersburg.
Wisconsin, E. B. Heimstreet, Lake Mills.

Commander in Chief Town. Comrades, you have heard the names of the committee on resolutions and the council of administration from the various departments. The committee on resolutions will meet this evening at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, headquarters, at 8 o'clock, headquarters room, and then we will have a room fixed for you.

The next business in order seems to be invitations for the place of holding our next meeting, and we will now present the invitations we have received.

Comrades, there appears to be no other business of importance here except the selection of a place of meeting for the next encampment, and if it is agreeable to the encampment we will now receive invitations and consider the place of meeting of the sixty-seventh national encampment. What is your pleasure? Will a motion be made to now go into consideration of the place for holding the sixty-seventh encampment?

Comrade William P. Wright, of Illinois. I so move.

Commander in Chief Town. Comrade Wright, of Illinois, moves that we proceed with the selection of the place for holding the sixty-seventh national encampment. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes appear to have it; the ayes have it, and it is so ordered. We will now proceed with the selection of a place for holding our next encampment.

Comrade C. P. LOMAX, of Nebraska. Do we vote the whole number that are here?

Commander in Chief TOWN. Vote only those that are in their seats.

Comrade LOMAX. All right. Thank you.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Are there any invitations from the floor?

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. St. Paul invites you to hold your next encampment at their city. I have in my hand a letter from the governor and one from the Association of Commerce. The money is already prepared, and they want you to come and invite you most heartily. Last year, you remember, we were a candidate. The invitation was backed up by the mayor. I am sorry he is not here. The invitation is as cordial as can possibly be made. I think that Mr. Turner is here representing the Association of Commerce. The whole State of Minnesota wants you. I think there is no need of saying anything more. The invitation will be as broad as the State is wide, and you will receive a most hearty welcome. Come prepared to stay a little while. Minnesota is a paradise for sportsmen. Bring your fishing tackle and your sporting goods and do some shooting and some fishing, and you will have the best time in the world. We made no mistake coming here this year. We are all getting the spirit of Lincoln in our hearts. We have walked the streets where he walked. We have visited his home and his tomb. Let us have the Lincoln spirit in the years to come. If we do, we will have a better America and one that will live for all future years and be as firm as a mountain. Come to St. Paul by all means, and you will get a most hearty welcome.

Following are the letters referred to by Past Commander in Chief Van Sant:

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
St. Paul, September 1, 1932.

To the OFFICERS AND MEMBERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill.

GREETING: The people of Minnesota were very much disappointed in not having had the honor of entertaining the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations this year. In their behalf, I extend a most cordial invitation to select Minnesota as a meeting place in 1933. Your associates here will gladly make every arrangement for the success of your convention and the pleasure of those who attend.

Sincerely yours,

FLOYD B. OLSON,
Governor of Minnesota.

CONVENTION DEPARTMENT,
ST. PAUL ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE,
St. Paul, Minn., September 13, 1932.

To the OFFICERS AND MEMBERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

GENTLEMEN: As the representative of the civic and commercial interests of the city of St. Paul, it is a pleasure to add this invitation to the many you are receiving to hold the 1933 encampment of the Grand Army in Minnesota's capital city.

The legislature of the State of Minnesota has voted a large appropriation to be expended in the entertainment of the 1933 encampment, and the St. Paul Association of Commerce has pledged additional support to the Minnesota Department and the Minnesota auxiliaries to make this encampment the greatest one you have ever had.

It seems to me that in spite of the many great encampments you have had and the many invitations that are received each year, you have never received one that had behind it such a combination of sentiment and sound reason as this which comes from Minnesota.

I particularly call your attention to Minnesota's great advantage in the matter of climate at the time of the year when your meeting is held, to St. Paul's fine location geographically, and to the excellent transportation facilities which exist between St. Paul and all parts of the country. There is also the advantage of next year's World's Fair being held in Chicago, only 10 hours' ride from St. Paul. Many of the comrades and members of the auxiliaries will want to attend both the encampment and the World's Fair, and you can make this possible by selecting our city.

This invitation merely supplements the many you are receiving on the occasion of your encampment in Springfield.

I sincerely hope that this combination of invitations will receive your careful consideration and eventually your acceptance.

Sincerely yours,

J. S. TURNER,
Secretary-Manager.

Comrade JOHN SHEARER, of Texas. The State of Texas indorses St. Paul.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Any other invitation?

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT. The only written invitation is the one from Grand Rapids. Boys, we have been there before. You know what it is. There is no use reading it. A letter from the chamber of commerce and all interested in the city of Grand Rapids.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Now we have the cities of St. Paul, Minn., and Grand Rapids, Mich. Are there any other invitations? If not, we will proceed with the selection. I understood unofficially that there were other invitations to be presented, but those are the only ones we have, and if there is not anyone here representing other cities we will proceed.

We have a representative from Grand Rapids who desires to propose Grand Rapids. Comrade Estabrook desires to present Grand Rapids.

Comrade A. C. ESTABROOK, of Michigan. That is right.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Come up and present it.

Comrade ESTABROOK. Commander in Chief and comrades, I had given this invitation to the secretary of the encampment, and I had supposed that it would be read. I supposed that would be all I would have to do. There is a man here representing Grand Rapids who are sent here by the convention bureau to show you the good points of Grand Rapids and to urge the acceptance of this invitation. The first time Grand Rapids had it——

Commander in Chief TOWN. Tell them that you want Grand Rapids.

Comrade ESTABROOK. That is not the idea. The first time Grand Rapids had it it was to take it off of another city. They had invited us to another place and they backed down, and Grand Rapids took it and gave you a home for that meeting. Secondly, we would like to hear Carroll Sweet, of Grand Rapids——

Commander in Chief TOWN. Does your department indorse the invitation from Grand Rapids?

Comrade ESTABROOK. It has. Our State department indorsed it.

Mr. CARROLL F. SWEET, of Grand Rapids, Mich. I don't want to bother you gentlemen with unnecessary conversation on this subject.

I recognize that I got here two days later than St. Paul. At the same time I do represent the State of Michigan, the city of Grand Rapids, and the Grand Army of Michigan. We have had your Fifty-ninth and your Sixty-first National Encampments. We do want your Sixty-seventh Encampment.

I don't have to tell you anything about Grand Rapids because you know all about it. You all liked it. You don't like it any better than we like you. We have had an inspiration from your encampments in Grand Rapids that has lasted. We feel that you think Grand Rapids is your Michigan home. We want you to feel that way. I want to tell you that for the five years you have been gallivanting around you have not been home, and there are a few changes in the home town.

One of them is a new scenic highway along the shore from Chicago. It had been our plan—it is our plan to conduct escorted tours to Chicago to the exposition after your encampment in Grand Rapids.

But more important, we are just completing a new civic auditorium in Grand Rapids connected with the Pantlind Hotel by underground corridor. All of your meetings can be held in the one auditorium—6,000 capacity in one hall, 1,000 in another, 500 in another, and 12 rooms of 200 each or expandible. We have taken one room of this auditorium and called it the Veterans' Room. You have been logical in coming to Springfield. You find here in Springfield a sanctity. You feel it from the shrines of Lincoln. We have not in Grand Rapids those shrines. We want those shrines. We want a shrine around which the people of Grand Rapids will naturally gravitate, and why we want you this year, that is, more than we wanted you in the past, is that we want you, this group, this Grand Army, to dedicate for us and make for us a shrine of the Veterans' Room of this auditorium. I thank you for hearing me.

Commander in Chief Town. Comrades, you understand the roll will be called and the commander of the department will announce the vote of the department for the place of meeting.

(Following is the result of the roll call:)

Department	St. Paul	Grand Rapids
Alabama	1	
Arkansas		2
California and Nevada	9	11
Colorado and Wyoming	9	5
Connecticut	10	
Florida		7
Georgia and South Carolina		2
Idaho	4	
Illinois	12	13
Indiana	9	14
Iowa	15	2
Kansas	14	6
Kentucky	5	6
Louisiana and Mississippi		5
Maine	11	
Maryland		4
Massachusetts	3	13
Michigan		22

Department	St. Paul	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	16	
Missouri	18	1
Montana		1
Nebraska	12	4
New Hampshire	3	
New Jersey	7	3
New York	18	18
North Dakota	5	
Ohio	1	32
Oklahoma		6
Oregon	3	
Pennsylvania	7	17
Potomac		2
Rhode Island	3	
South Dakota	6	
Texas	1	
Utah	3	
Vermont		3
Virginia and North Carolina		1
Washington and Alaska	7	
West Virginia	2	
Wisconsin	14	5
On platform	13	2
Total	241	207

The vote of Nebraska was first announced as 35 for St. Paul. Upon that announcement the following proceedings occurred:

Comrade CHARLES E. JONES of Alabama. I challenge the vote of Nebraska.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Nebraska, give your vote again. [Announcement repeated.] Are there that many of your comrades present? You can only vote those present.

Comrade C. P. LOMAX of Nebraska. We have got over 40 registered.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Have you got that many present?

Comrade LOMAX. Sitting here in two full rows of seats.

Commander in Chief TOWN. You can only vote those in the hall.

Comrade LOMAX. That is what I am voting, those that are here.

Commander in Chief TOWN. I am informed that you are entitled to 28 votes—representatives.

Comrade LOMAX. I was instructed by the commander in chief that I could vote those present.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Only your representatives.

Comrade LOMAX. That is different.

Commander in Chief TOWN [after a poll of the Nebraska delegation]. Is the department commander of Nebraska in the hall?

Comrade LOMAX. I am, sir.

Commander in Chief TOWN. It is reported to me that you have 16 representatives, and that 12 of them vote for St. Paul.

Comrade LOMAX. Yes, sir; that is correct; and four for Grand Rapids.

Commander in Chief TOWN. The tellers report 241 votes for St. Paul and 207 votes for Grand Rapids. I therefore declare St. Paul

having received a majority of the votes of this encampment, that the sixty-seventh national encampment will be held at St. Paul, Minn.

I invite your attention for a moment to a gentleman that has done so much in this city of Springfield to make the encampment a success. Mr. Koller will please step forward.

Mr. C. G. KOLLER of the executive committee of the citizens committee of Springfield. Most honorable commander in chief, distinguished guests, and comrades: Nobody knows, and I do not think anybody ever will know, how appreciative we are at your coming to Springfield this year. Nobody knows the trouble, the time, and the effort the citizens of Springfield have gone to to see that every most minute detail was taken care of for your comfort and convenience.

I must say right now, although they told me in Des Moines last year that the Grand Army of the Republic was an elderly body of men, I am inclined to think now, after finding out what happened here a minute ago, that there is nothing slow about you at all. This is the first time I have ever heard of a body of men trying to decide where to go next year when they haven't even started in Springfield.

But, my friends, I come here merely as a pinch hitter, a pinch hitter for one of your comrades. It is regrettable I can say that the man who really is the whole momentum back of the sixty-sixth national encampment could not be privileged to attend the encampment himself, and that happens to be one of the grandest men, I think, in the United States, a man I look to almost as a father, a man who has given, I would say, four years of his time that Stephenson Post would have the privilege and the honor of entertaining the national encampment. And if you will take the words in the way it was put to me four years ago you will see that Springfield and Stephenson Post have an organization of men who are worthy of all of the respect of every member of the Grand Army of the Republic, because they put it to me in this way. They said, "Oh, I wish we could just entertain the Grand Army of the Republic once. We have visited and dined at the expense and had the comforts of our friends from other States and other cities, and we would like to have an opportunity to reciprocate." You know when an old man tells you that there is not any young heart that would not just expand to its fullest extent to see that that wish was fulfilled.

I went out to see Mr. Davidson just the other day, and as he lay there in his bed the only thing that seemed to worry him was whether everything was going all right. With the assurance that it was he laid back in bed and said, "Well, I am happy." So you can see he is happy because you are happy, and I believe that is the spirit that has made the Grand Army of the Republic what it is to-day.

Now, my friends, I am not going to tell you how happy we are that you are here. We hope that you will see it in our actions. We do realize and appreciate that we have here as our guests this week people who really appreciate Springfield, Ill., as being the home of Abraham Lincoln. We want other people to understand him as you do and understand that Lincoln is almost a religion, that Lincoln is something that should be handed down to generations to come.

You people have imbued childhood with that spirit, and of course since Abraham Lincoln was placed in the custody of Springfield, Ill., we have taken up your obligation and responsibility and are attempting to carry it out from now on. It is a sacred duty on our part and we hope that our effort meets with your approval.

My friends, I was really happy to see some of you comrades standing out there and looking that beautiful edifice over and really showing that you have the most deep reverence for what was before you. I am glad that you are not like an old Irishman who came into my office one day about two years ago. He said to me, "I would like to see Lincoln's tomb if you have the time, sir." He looked like a fine old man and I got away from my desk and took him out there. When he got in front of that monument I noticed his head bow low apparently in the most humble reverence to the emancipator. He stayed there for about five minutes. I didn't want to interrupt him by telling him anything about Lincoln because I thought that he knew more about him than I did myself. But much to my surprise after he raised his head and looked at the shaft from pinnacle down to the base the first thing he said was, "I wonder if it was built by organized labor." [Laughter.] So I presume if other nationalities were there, and one in particular, they would want to know how it was financed.

But, my dear friends, I want to tell you again we are thankful that you came, and we hope that you will come and see us again. I thank you. [Applause.]

Comrade Jacob Secrest, of Ohio. This comrade that this man has referred to, another Ohio comrade and myself called on I think yesterday morning. I think it would please him to be remembered, and I make a motion that this national encampment send him greetings with hope for his speedy recovery, if it meets with a second.

Commander in Chief Town. It has been moved and seconded that the greetings of this encampment be sent to Comrade H. B. Davidson, former commander of this department. Are you ready for the question? All in favor gave their assent by saying "aye." Contrary? So ordered.

I will call on Past Commander in Chief Foster to reply to our friend.

Past Commander in Chief Edwin J. Foster. My good friend, if I were capable of replying as I would like to I would express the feelings within the heart of every one of us comrades here. I would say to you that you spoke words of wisdom, something that seemed to pierce our hearts, as you spoke of that man whom I have always claimed no State in this country or any other ever produced his equal—Abraham Lincoln. It was my pleasure while in Florida during the past winter to talk to several of the "Johnnies" down there, and after talking as we met together on different days in talking and swapping lies as we used to do, one of them came to me, when I told him what we thought of Abraham Lincoln, and he put his hand upon my shoulder and said, "I think Abraham Lincoln was the greatest man that ever lived." And that covered every one of the "Johnny" boys.

So I say to you that what you said was beautiful, and I know from what I have heard about your city that we are going to go out and tell

our people to come to your city and to advise everyone else to do so, for the reason that we want to keep this country the greatest in the world and the only way we can do it is to encourage patriotism. I thank you.

THE OFFICER OF THE DAY. Greetings from the committee of Illinois Department Sons of Veterans.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Admit the delegation.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in Chief, permit me ad interim to call the attention of Delaware, Missouri, Montana, South Dakota, Tennessee, and West Virginia that we are short on the membership of the committee on resolutions and also on the council of administration. Why can you not send your appointees to the desk here that they may be taken into consideration?

I arose to my feet particularly, Commander in Chief, to call the attention of the members of the committee on resolutions that we would have a meeting at 8 o'clock this evening at national headquarters at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, and those headquarters are just in the semibalcony on the main floor. And I desire as chairman of the committee that you all be there promptly.

There is another thing in connection with the business of this committee, on which I have served for many years more or less, that the important feature of it is that the resolutions should be handed in—should be now in the hands of the adjutant, and if they are not here they should be put here in his hands in very short order so that we have them before us to-night. Otherwise they may not be passed upon during this encampment.

It is the theory and practice of the encampment, and has been for a quarter of a century, that these resolutions should be submitted to the committee, and they should be submitted without discussion on the floor or body of the national encampment in order that time may be saved. I trust that you will understand me and that these delinquent States will see that their membership is made on that committee at once.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. The Illinois Sons of Veterans.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Excuse me one moment. Past Commander in Chief Willett has thoroughly explained what was necessary for those having resolutions. The resolutions are to be handed up to the desk of the adjutant general over there and they will then be placed before the committee on resolutions. So everybody please give attention to that, and before they leave this hall anyone having a resolution will present it to the desk of the adjutant general.

Now, the committee from the Sons of Veterans of Illinois.

Mr. FRED J. PHILLIPS, of Chicago. As a committee from the Illinois Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War we want to welcome you to the good State of Illinois, the home of Abraham Lincoln. We have brought a slight token of our regards from this wonderful State of the flowers which are grown in this soil that you have preserved for freedom. We want you to have a pleasant stay in Springfield and hope that Illinois will be proud of the services you have rendered to our country. I thank you.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Very glad to receive you.

Mr. ARCH M. CAMPBELL, of Chicago. This is the Sons of Veterans of Illinois. I have worked hard to make everything agreeable and

pleasant, as Mr. Koller, representative of the chamber of commerce, has told you. I am glad that every one of you has been able to come here and enjoy himself at this encampment. I thank you.

Mr. HARRY MORGAN, of Mackinaw, Ill. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and from almost every State in the Union, we as your sons and grandsons extend these greetings to you in the State of Illinois and hope that in the near future we will have the happiness of receiving some greetings back to Illinois. We know you are busy, and we will not take more of your time.

Commander in Chief TOWN. I will ask Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief Haskins to respond.

Comrade C. H. HASKINS, of California and Nevada. Commander in Chief and comrades, we are very glad indeed to have you with us. We are also very glad, indeed, that we came to Springfield. I don't suppose there is a quarter of us that knew really what Springfield has done for us and for that wonderful man that we consider the greatest man that ever lived, save Him who died on the cross. Thank you very much. I have seen everything that I could see, and I am very glad. I believe that my comrades all appreciate the kindness in every way that you people have extended. I thank you one and all.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. Daughters of the Revolution.

Commander in Chief TOWN. I have the pleasure of presenting to you Mrs. Henry Davis, regent of Springfield Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. DAVIS. Commander Town, and Grand Army of the Republic: One more chapter of history was written this morning in this home town and burial place of our beloved Abraham Lincoln—the parade of the morning. I was speechless with awe to see those wonderful men, whose eyes may have been dimmed with years, whose steps may have been slowed by time, but whose spirit of enthusiasm and loyalty to the flag nothing can lessen, and which has lasted through all these years. We extend to you our sincere welcome, and if you have had one-half as much pleasure in coming as we have had in receiving you, our efforts will not have been in vain.

On behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution, through these little children who are members of the Children of the American Revolution, we present these flowers. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief TOWN. Mrs. Davis, our past commander in chief, Judge Willett, will reply to you.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. As I understand it, you are the regent of Illinois of the Daughters of the American Revolution. I am a descendant on the maternal side of my house of the Denison family. Our great grandfather, William Denison, was a Pennsylvania soldier in the War of the Revolution. Denison chapter located, as I recall it, in Mercer and Warren Counties, is named after my grandfather. My sister, who is living with me, Margaret Graves Willett, is a member of Denison chapter, and I have long thought that if I was near where I could I would join the Sons of the American Revolution. But within the last 12 months I found a lineage that includes the maternal side of the family and I want to go in as a double. So that the emotions of the moment are almost past my control. I was not expecting this,

but I am happy that it has occurred. I have taken a trip to the graveside of my grandfather whose grave is marked by the Daughters of the American Revolution, so that I know whereof I speak. Therefore it is out of the fullness of my heart that I greet you in behalf of my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief Town. Now we have a presentation by Sangamo Chapter, United States Daughters of 1812. I have the pleasure now of presenting to you Mrs. C. N. Stockton, the vice regent, and Miss Speulda.

Miss Alta May Speulda, of Springfield. Commander Town and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: It is indeed a pleasure and a great privilege to think that Springfield has been honored with your presence. We, the descendants of a great line of soldiers, are proud of our ancestry. The Revolutionary soldiers secured this country for us, the soldiers of 1812 made it secure for us, and you preserved it. We are grateful to all of you for the part that you have played in bringing before the American people the spirit of patriotism and loyalty to the flag, and loyalty to the principles for which you fought.

Commander Town, Sangamo Chapter, Daughters of 1812, present these modest blossoms to you, and we hope that your stay in Springfield will bring about many happy experiences. We are just so happy to be here and so happy to have you here with us.

Mrs. C. N. Stockton. It is my happy privilege to represent Sangamo Chapter Daughters of 1812 in bringing greetings. Thank you.

Commander in Chief Town. Past Commander in Chief King of Maryland will reply to these ladies.

Past Commander in Chief John R. King. This is a very happy and enjoyable privilege, I assure you. We in Maryland regard September 12 as a legal holiday, and as a Maryland Fourth of July. Had you ladies been in Baltimore a few weeks ago, on the 12th of September, you would have had your patriotism heartened to the highest point. If you had been at old Fort McHenry you would have seen ten or fifteen thousand people gathered—the governor of the State, the mayor of the city of Baltimore, and citizens from all over the neighborhood celebrating our Fourth of July. You want to come there and see the old fort and its surroundings now.. It has been cleaned off and reseeded and some 2,000 trees planted there by the different societies, and the old fort is just as happy and defiant to-day as it was 150 years ago.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic and invite you particularly to come to Baltimore and let us show you what you represent. Thank you very much.

The Officer of the Day. The Daughters of Union Veterans wish to extend greetings.

Commander in Chief Town. Admit them. Comrades, there is a delegation of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the door. The officer of the day is going to admit them and I would like you all to arise as they come in.

Comrades, we are highly honored with a delegation from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War—Miss Katharine Flood of Massachusetts, Mrs. Raeyling of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Beier of Illinois.

Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, Past National President. Commander in Chief Town, your daughters in their convention assembled to-day have sent us to bring to you their greetings and to express in a small measure the love, the respect, and the devotion that they have for you, their fathers' comrades. We are flesh of your flesh, and blood of your blood. We are here to do your bidding, to do anything you may require, to give you what you may need. And so they have sent us here to tell you, and we can not begin to tell you how much we love you all.

You comrades represent to us whose daddies have gone all that our fathers stood for. We can not do for them longer, and so we do for you, their comrades.

Commander in Chief Town, our national president this year has had a wonderful administration. She has traveled with you over the United States. The convention has sent through me to you a token of our appreciation of the many things you have done for her and our organization, and all the many courtesies paid her. She knew you would not have much time while commander in chief to do any reading, and so she thought when you retired from office you would like to put on your slippers, take your glass and sit under the light and read this book, The Reward of Patriotism. We bring it to you with all the love of the daughter for a father.

Commander in Chief Town. You can say to your president that the commander in chief highly appreciates this remembrance of him and the beautiful gift that the convention has presented to him. Now, we would like to hear from Mrs. Raeyling.

Mrs. Anne Raeyling, President Department of Pennsylvania. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic Samuel P. Town and our dear fathers, I am highly honored to bring you the greetings from my department, the Department of Pennsylvania, the department that is very, very dear to me, where my father enlisted in the Twenty-sixth Regiment from Philadelphia, and on behalf of my department I present to you this small gift, and I hope that you will use it many, many times, because I know in Philadelphia you will need it. And on behalf of my tent, Betsy Ross Tent No. 4, of Philadelphia, I present to you these flowers. And for the love and respect that I have for you, Colonel Town, during my association with your family for the last 25 years, I present this small token of love as a gift to you.

Commander in Chief Town. Mrs. Raeyling, words fail to express my appreciation for your beautiful thoughts of remembering me personally on this occasion of our encampment. I can only wish you and and your department and your tent, composed of many members whom I know, every success. Now, I have the pleasure of presenting Mrs. Beier, of Illinois.

Mrs. Bertha M. Beier, President Department of Illinois. Commander Town and comrades, this is the very first opportunity I have had of bringing greetings to the comrades in convention assembled, and I really can not tell you how thrilled and happy I am. And while I represent the Illinois Department of Daughters of Union Veterans, I want to tell you that my father enlisted in Wisconsin, also two brothers. So I am interested particularly in Wisconsin and Illinois. Commander in Chief Town, I bring you these

flowers with the greetings and the love of the Illinois Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander in Chief Town. Illinois is wonderful and the daughters are more than wonderful. I should fail to express properly what I would like to say, and therefore I am going to call on our junior vice commander in chief, Comrade Martin of California, to reply.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Russell C. Martin. Commander in Chief, and these ladies, do you know when you are called upon unexpectedly to talk it makes me think of the story of two old darkey preachers who met one day on the street. One said to the other, "Parson Johnson, do you read them 'ere sermons of yours on a Sunday?" And he said "Yes, I sure do. Then I know just exactly what I am going to say." "Well, Parson Johnson, I used to write them 'ere sermons and read them, but I thought when I was reading them that the devil was looking over my shoulder and knew just what I was going to say, and now I don't write them sermons any more and the devil himself don't know what I am going to say." [Laughter.]

I am all afloat. Katharine—you all know Katharine, and she knows you—everyone of these comrades. She can almost call you by name. As a daughter of a veteran who has served you all these years from one commander in chief to another, she has helped to steer our ship and keep it off the rocks and keep it in the condition that it is now. I am not speaking slightingly of our other daughters of veterans who are here. I don't mean that. But as Katharine has been so closely associated with us we love her just like one of our own family, all of us. We are only delighted that she is one of the committee that has come here to-day to visit us that we may have the opportunity of saying to her and to these ladies that have come with her, that are just as much entitled to this respect as Katharine is so far as that is concerned, but we are so delighted to have them come here to-day and bring these greetings.

The daughters of veterans are going to be our main prop. They are going to be the ones that we are going to look to in the future, if we only live long enough. They are doing everything now that they can do with the members we have now, and as our members diminish they will do more yet for us. Their hearts are full of love, full of attempting to do everything in their power for our comfort, our guidance, and our friendship; and we love them, and we are going to have them more than they love us while we are given the opportunity to love them.

I am glad you are here, and I am glad to welcome you as one of our family. Thank you.

Commander in Chief Town. Now, daughters, I propose to call for three volunteers to escort these daughters from the platform. Two more volunteers; any two comrades. Officer of the day, will you escort these ladies, and the comrades will all stand and salute you as you retire.

The committee on credentials will meet at 5.30 o'clock this afternoon at national headquarters in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel.

Past Commander in Chief John R. King. Commander in Chief and comrades: This is not an ideal place in which to meet, but there

is a gentleman that is with us to-day, and he has been with us a number of years, who has left his private business in Buffalo, N. Y., to go wherever we meet and arrange these seats. He is a past master in that particular line. I came in here yesterday afternoon and I found this gentleman working his life's blood out. He was wet from head to foot. I attempted to sympathize with him. "No," he said, "this is my labor of love." And now I move that the thanks of this encampment be tendered to Mr. Roderick J. Cant for this unselfish and lovable work on his part. I move the adoption of that resolution.

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT. I second the motion.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief OLEY NELSON. Rising vote.

Commander in Chief TOWN. The motion is made to extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Cant. I will just state in addition to that, Mr. Cant is a son-in-law of Comrade Stowits, who was our quartermaster general for so many years. I desire a standing vote in compliment to Mr. Cant. All in favor of the resolution will rise. It is a unanimous vote.

Mr. CANT. Gentlemen, I thank you sincerely for this very nice compliment.

Commander in Chief TOWN. We will have this matter of seats rectified after we take a recess, so that to-morrow there will be sufficient space for you if you have your proper number of representatives left at headquarters. Or the tellers here have the number voted by the several departments. There will be sufficient seats for everybody.

Is there any further business to come before the encampment this afternoon?

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT. There will be a meeting of the committee on reports of other officers at national headquarters at 7.30 this evening.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Any of the comrades, representatives of the different departments, will remember that they have been requested and it is necessary that any resolutions they have to offer be placed on the desk of the adjutant general before they leave this hall. Is there any further business to come before the encampment?

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in Chief, I am informed that our esteemed comrade, Doctor Pilcher, past commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, is ill at home and unable to attend this encampment. Whether he is dangerously ill or otherwise, I am not advised, except that he was constrained to stay at home on account of his illness. That is sufficient, for a doctor to treat himself; and I move you that the adjutant general be instructed to wire him a condoling telegram in behalf of this encampment, by order of the encampment officially made in public meeting.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief TOWN. It has been moved and seconded that a telegram be sent by the adjutant general to Past Commander in Chief Pilcher. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will give their assent by saying "aye." The motion is carried, and so ordered.

Now, is there any further business to come before the encampment?

Comrade J. M. Oulson, of Illinois. I rise for information. Do we have something to-night at 8 o'clock?

Commander in Chief Town. We have a campfire. The campfire is to be held at the arsenal, 8 o'clock.

Now, if there is no further business to come before this encampment, a motion to take a recess until to-morrow morning at 9.30 or 10 o'clock will be in order.

Adjutant General Hambright. Before that is decided, allow me to present a matter. I notice the galleries partly occupied by our comrades who are not delegates; and the citizens of Springfield are very desirous of seeing a Grand Army of the Republic encampment in session. I therefore move that at future sessions of this encampment at Springfield the gallery be opened to the comrades who are not delegates and to the citizens at large.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief Town. Of course, we know that the gallery was opened to the comrades. The adjutant general makes a motion that it also be opened to any of the citizens of Springfield who desire to attend the encampment. It has been seconded. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes appear to have it. The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Now, then, the motion is to take a recess until 9.30 to-morrow morning, or any other hour you will say will be in order.

Past Commander in Chief Louis F. Arensberg. I make a motion that we take a recess until 9.30 to-morrow morning; that we now take a recess until 9.30 to-morrow morning.

Commander in Chief Town. Before I put that motion I want to make a statement, and that is that directions will be given to the officer of the day to admit no one to the lower floor of this hall unless he has on his breast the encampment badge. That will insure only representatives being on the floor, and all other comrades are particularly invited to be in the gallery.

Now, it has been moved and seconded that we take a recess until 9.30 to-morrow morning. All in favor give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." This encampment stands adjourned until 9.30 to-morrow morning. (4.56 p. m.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1932, MORNING SESSION, 9.40 A. M.

Commander in Chief Town. Comrades, you will please be in order, the hour of 9.30 having arrived. This is the second session of the sixty-sixth national encampment. Our national chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing.

Chaplain in Chief Jesse B. Bartley. Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Bless us this day as we assemble here in our order. Bless our order, we pray Thee, and make it an element of great good in the world. Grant unto us Thy blessing in the future as in the past, Thy guidance and protection when we start for our homes. May we reach them in safety. Bless us always and ever keep our names upon

the roll of Thy servants and finally bring us home to the place prepared for us. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Commander in Chief Town. The first business in order will be the report of the committee on resolutions. Is the committee ready to report? Past Commander in Chief King, I understand you are to make the report.

Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett. The preliminary report will be made by Past Commander in Chief King.

Past Commander in Chief John R. King (reading):

We desire to go on record as an expression of our thanks and gratitude to the citizens of Springfield for their unbounded hospitality during our stay in their midst. No effort was lacking, no detail was neglected, no sacrifice too great to impress upon us that the spirit of Abraham Lincoln guided them in assuring us that their welcome was sure and true. So many and various were their manifestations that it is difficult to differentiate—the mayor, the governor of the State, the hotels, the newspapers, the automobile owners, the City Passenger Railway Co., and those wonderful American boys and girls, the Scouts, ubiquitous in action, ever ready to serve. If we have overlooked any, pardon us. But to cover them all, then God bless each and every citizen of this home and city of our great commander, Abraham Lincoln.

Past Commander in Chief King. I move the adoption of this resolution.

Adjutant General Hambright. Before the adoption of that I desire to have the Red Cross included. While we had no occasion to call on them, they were prepared to render service.

Past Commander in Chief King. All right.

Commander in Chief Town. Comrades, you have heard the resolution adopted by the committee on resolutions thanking the citizens generally for the hospitable manner in which we have been received. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will give their assent by saying "aye." We don't hear any noes. Unanimously carried.

Now we will have the balance of the report of the committee on resolutions.

Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett (reading):

The committee on resolutions was called to order at national headquarters in the Hotel Abraham Lincoln, last evening, when 27 members responded to the roll call. Several resolutions were considered.

Resolution No. 1 referred to the bonus for the World War veterans. After full discussion the committee concluded that it was not directly connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, and it was voted to lay it on the table. [Applause.]

Resolution No. 2 related to the matter of a uniform method of the final winding up of the affairs of a post of the Grand Army of the Republic when the membership has been so reduced as to suggest some such action. The discussion developed the opinion that this matter should be left to the individual posts and that no action of any kind be taken, so it was found as a matter of law that the procedure in all such cases should have its initial and final direction at the hands of the governmental affairs of each department. Therefore it was laid on the table. [Applause.]

Resolution No. 3 related to the purchase by the American Congress of the property known as Mount Vernon in Virginia, the former home of George Washington, there being such a proposition before that body. This resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, located in Virginia, facing the Potomac River, is owned by private enterprise, and

"Whereas the said Mount Vernon is closed to the public until 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning, and closed early in the evening, and

"Whereas said Mount Vernon is being disfigured and misrepresentation made to the people visiting it: Therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to get in touch with our representatives, and for them to try to have Congress purchase said Mount Vernon and make a national shrine of it, and reconstruct it as near as possible to the original, and open free of charge at all times."

Voted to lay it on the table. [Applause.]

Resolution No. 4 related to the inauguration of a Grand Army of the Republic memorial, in the city of Springfield, Ill., and in Oak Ridge Cemetery, near the present Lincoln memorial.

A proposition was presented to the meeting by Benjamin S. DeBoice, judge of the probate court of Sangamon County, Ill., of the intention, or proposal to erect a suitable memorial by a committee composed in part by officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, allied with other public spirited men of well-known high character, such memorial to be erected in Oak Ridge Cemetery, near the present Lincoln Memorial, consisting of an open-air amphitheater, with a memorial section in which to house and preserve such property of the Grand Army of the Republic, or relating to the life of the martyred Lincoln, as it might be fitting to deposit there.

At the close of a thorough exposition of this proposition to the committee, a resolution was adopted which reads as follows:

"*Resolved by the Grand Army of the Republic in its Sixty-sixth National Encampment assembled*, That we do heartily approve of the plan proposed by the citizens' committee of the city of Springfield, Ill., to erect a National Grand Army of the Republic memorial near the tomb of Abraham Lincoln, and the said citizens' committee is hereby requested to proceed with the organization of a permanent 'Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Association,' in the manner outlined in the committee's proposal to this encampment."

This resolution met with instant and hearty approval by all the members present, and it was voted unanimously, every member being recorded in the affirmative, that it be adopted, and it was so carried.

As an addenda to this written report your chairman, acting under the direction of the committee, adds as follows:

It will be observed on the reading of this resolution that we as the Grand Army of the Republic assume no pecuniary liability or responsibility whatever, nor was it intended by the promoter, Judge DeBoice, who represents the city of Springfield, Sangamon County—it was not intended that the Grand Army of the Republic should assume any pecuniary responsibility, but that we simply give our approval, and if the organization was chartered as an institution to build such a memorial, that the Grand Army—the national organization of the Grand Army of the Republic and perhaps of the Department of Illinois—would have a place upon the board. All of this is simply to procure our sanction and approval, and I trust, in behalf of the committee, that you are each and all of you in accord with our action.

[Applause.]

Resolution No. 5 related to a certain bill before Congress known as the Gasque bill, and reads as follows:

"*Resolved*, That we indorse the Gasque bill giving a pension to the widows of all wars, and as that bill is now in the Senate we urge our Senators, J. Hamilton Lewis and Otis F. Glenn, to give their support to the bill and that copies be sent to them and also a copy be sent to the National Tribune in Washington, D. C."

It was argued in the committee that this was a matter not directly connected with the Grand Army of the Repubic—

That we had sufficient troubles of our own, if I may add, and after free discussion that resolution was laid upon the table. [Applause.]

Resolution No. 6——

Commander in Chief Town. The officer of the day will please escort the committee of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to seats, either in the gallery or at the back, until we get through with this committee on resolutions.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT (reading):

Resolution No. 6 was a similar one to No. 1, suggesting that a resolution be adopted by this encampment indorsing the attitude of President Hoover in his stand against the immediate payment of the bonus. As this matter was considered as not being directly connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, it was voted to lay it on the table.

Resolution No. 7 related to the pay of certain high officers on the retired list of the United States Army, a claim being made that such men are being sufficiently paid without the additional pay which they are being allowed for special assignments which they now enjoy and are being paid, and it was suggested that the Grand Army of the Republic adopt a resolution calling upon such men to return to the Government all money accepted by them since retirement, before proceeding with their further investigations. As this was also a matter that was not considered as directly concerning the Grand Army of the Republic, it was voted to lay it on the table.

Resolution No. 8 related to the present unfortunate condition of farmers and the deplorable conditions generally of the farm industry, and it was suggested that a resolution be adopted calling on President Hoover to emphasize in his message to Congress the pressing need for remedial legislation. This matter was also deemed as not directly concerning the Grand Army of the Republic, and it was therefore voted to lay it on the table.

Resolution No. 9 also related to a suggested resolution which would be sent to President Hoover relating to the early payment of the bonus, commending him for his attitude on that question. For the same reasons that the other similar resolutions were considered as not concerning the Grand Army of the Republic, it was voted to lay it on the table. [Applause.]

Resolution No. 10 related to a suggested resolution condemning certain laws that are being enacted by some of our people, who use undue influence for their personal gain. A resolution was also urged condemning mob violence and that such people be fined and imprisoned. This was also considered as not directly concerning the Grand Army of the Republic and it was voted to lay it on the table.

And as an addenda, was also understood by the committee, after full discussion, to cover that which the statutes of every State in the Union, and the constitution of every State, and the Federal Constitution, cover without stating, and it is up to the parties whose duty it is to enforce the law to see that violators are brought to justice. This was also laid upon the table. [Applause.]

Resolution No. 11 related to the conduct of the Government in connection with disarmament and peace pacts, with papers attached, with request that the Grand Army of the Republic adopt certain suggestions offered by the Twentieth Century Fund (Inc.).

After considerable debate this subject was laid upon the table. [Applause.]

Resolution No. 12 related to a resolution suggesting that the Grand Army of the Republic adopt a suggestion making all surviving veterans members of future encampments at large. It was voted to lay that resolution on the table. [Applause.]

The committee were of the unanimous opinion that so long as we were able to function and we had the valuable assistance of our auxiliary and allies who are financing us to a great degree, and so long as we had a corporal's guard that could have standing, we would conduct and continue to conduct the Grand Army of the Republic. [Great applause.]

Resolution No. 13 (well numbered) related to the National Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Wisconsin, and requested that a former decision of the Grand Army of the Republic refusing to recognize said organization be reconsidered and that they now be recognized as an allied organization of the Grand Army of the Republic.

After much discussion it was decided to maintain and confirm those former decisions of the nonrecognition of this organization, and it was voted to lay all papers connected with this resolution on the table, and it was so done. The vote was unanimous, all voting.

You all remember that this subject has been before the national encampment practically every session, every annual session, for the last ten or a dozen years, and while every member of the Grand Army of the Republic respects and admires the daughters, not only at large but of every State where we have an organization or where a comrade lives and is survived by daughters, with that respect and memory that is their due, that in due consideration of the rights that they have earned, financial and otherwise, with the fond affection of our auxiliary the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Union Veterans, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, we are fully stocked with allied organizations and there is no room for another. [Applause.] In other words, if these good daughters of the loyal State of Wisconsin and the loyal Grand Army of Wisconsin wish to join any one of these organizations, that it is a suitable, proper, and patriotic home for her.

Resolution No. 14 (last but not least) related to the Woman's Relief Corps and their early connection with the Grand Army of the Republic as compared with its present-day experiences and activities. A resolution was suggested that this corps, which was also known as the "Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic," have this additional title revoked, and they hereafter, together with other organizations, be each known as an ally of the Grand Army of the Republic. Voted to postpone action without date, by the unanimous vote of the committee. [Applause.]

This resolution was submitted by outside parties conspicuous by the absence of a signature.

I have not language sufficiently forceful, nor did the committee seem to have language, to express itself individually or collectively, aside from the action taken, as regards the unfortunate proposition coming from any source.

Briefly, 49 years ago in Colorado, in national encampment assembled, this body represented by our predecessors accepted the Woman's Relief Corps, which included all loyal women regardless of whether they had any of the blood of a veteran in their veins, as an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic; and right royally have they accepted that situation, and their contributions to the Grand Army of the Republic annually made for the financial conduct of our affairs have ranged all the way from a few hundred dollars in the beginning to $5,000 as the maximum. [Applause.] And we would be ingrates to deny them the exalted privilege which they have occupied for 49 years as the auxiliary, the financial agent of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

I must say a few words further. At that time there was an organization known as the Ladies of the Grand Army that was composed not only of blood relation but of the wives of the veterans, and they sought recognition. The matter was fully discussed at the Denver encampment and they fully understood it and have acquiesced in it to this day, that they were accepted as an allied organization and considered to be the social organization of the Grand Army of the Republic. And right nobly they have filled that position down to the present time.

Therefore, the committee urge upon this encampment that their action in the premises, not only upon this number of the report but on each and every number of subjects that are reported herein, that the same be approved by this encampment.

Respectfully submitted.

It is suggested, and appropriately, too, that as chairman of the committee I move the adoption of this report in toto. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief Town. Comrades, you have heard the reading of the report of the committee on resolutions, and the motion is to adopt the resolutions. Are you ready for the question?

Past Commander in Chief John R. King. Just before that vote is taken I wish to make a suggestion with regard to the action and service of the legislative committee. If you will read the report of the legislative committee, you will find a full explanation of the action taken. The remarks of the chairman of the committee are rather a veiled reflection on our committee. Therefore I ask you to read carefully the report of the legislative committee which is printed and in your possession.

Comrade J. H. Judy, of Illinois. I rise to protest and object to the report of the committee on resolutions on the resolution asking Congress to give a pension to the widows of all wars. That bill includes the widows of the Civil War and makes their pension $50 a month, which they ought to have; and I object to ignoring that resolution. Do you comrades want to go on record and by your action to-day and by your silence say that the widow of a Civil War veteran who receives $30 a month has enough to pay rent, buy food and clothing and medicine, and put bread on her table? That is just what you do if you do nothing with this matter. The women of this country have helped us in every war we have been engaged in, and their loyalty and devotion to the flag of our country can never be questioned. It stands out to-day as pure as the stars that shine over her head by night or the sun that lights her path by day. And you know that some of the hardest fought battles that were ever fought by land or sea have been fought in a mother's heart as she sat by her fireside with that vacant chair through the lonely hours of the day and night. And then for this encampment to adjourn and say that $30 is enough for the widow of a Civil War soldier. I say it is an outrage that the committee report does not take action. It is our province to take action. It is our province to ask it. What will Congress say? That bill has passed Congress, that Gasque bill, and now it is in the Senate. Of course it will have an influence. If the Grand Army national encampment assembled at Springfield, Ill., this day does not wish to take any action, saying that this matter of giving the widows of the Civil War a pension is not within our province, you don't need to do it. But, comrades, you can not certainly go home and allow such a weight as that to rest upon your shoulders.

Commander in Chief Town. I think the comrade does not exactly comprehend. The Gasque bill provides a pension of $50 a month for every widow when she arrives at the age of 70 years, and the Grand Army of the Republic legislative committee approved that bill and appeared before Congress at this last session in advocacy

of it, and I have no doubt personally in the coming Congress that bill will become a law. The only thing now before the encampment is the adoption of the report of the committee on resolutions as a whole. Are you ready for that question? All in favor will please rise. Those opposed. It appears to the commander in chief to be a unanimous vote and so the motion is carried.

We have here, comrades, a delegation of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic who will be admitted at this time. Comrades, it affords me great pleasure to introduce to you a delegation from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and it affords me extreme pleasure to introduce to you their representative, Mrs. Annie Michener, past national president of the organization.

Mrs. Annie M. Michener, Past National President. Commander in chief, officers, and delegates of this noble, grand body of men, I am first going to say that I am not going to take very much of your time as it is precious to you and my time is precious to me. But I want to say on behalf of your national commander we have known each other for many, many years, having been a sister in a way—I know I could not have taken any more interest in him than I did as your candidate for commander in chief. I have been back of him for several years, never giving up until he landed in this chair and over this noble body of men. I know he is to you what he is to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, ever willing at all times to give his service and advice.

The national president of the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic extends to you, commander, and to your body of men, her greetings. She wishes for you a most harmonious encampment.

On behalf of the national body of the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic please accept this token and do as you wish with the contents of this box. We have a representative body, upon request of the past department president of the Department of Pennsylvania where we claim your commander in chief, and we as a body are more than proud of you.

When I came out of the hall this morning there was a delegation extending greetings to our national body which was very much enjoyed, and I wish to say, as I have said many times, as I have carried greetings many years to this convention: We are ready at all times, no matter what time, to render you service and make your days happy and prosperous. And, commander in chief, on behalf of the past department presidents of the Department of Pennsylvania, I wish to give you another token that you may do with as you please. I thank you.

Commander in Chief Town. I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Orsborn, of Washington and Alaska.

Mrs. Cassea H. Orsborn, past national president. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army, national officers, past commanders, and my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am not going to take your precious time this morning, but I just want to extend to you one word of greeting as the daughter of a father, the granddaughter of two grandfathers, and the niece of seven uncles who served with you in the Civil War. [Applause.] God bless you all.

Commander in Chief Town. Mrs. Van Duzor, of Illinois.

Mrs. Martha Van Duzor, past national president. Commander in Chief, past commanders in chief, officers, and my comrades: I want to extend to you the loving greetings of the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and also one of your comrades' widows. I thank you.

Commander in Chief Town. Mrs. Anna Bell Buchan, national soloist.

Mrs. Buchan. Boys, I am not a speaker, but you will hear me in another way [singing, The Sweetest Story Ever Told].

Commander in Chief Town. Mrs. Roche, one of our Pennsylvania girls.

Mrs. Catherine DeLacey Roche, past national president. The girls from Pennsylvania came to act as an escort to the committee and lend a little dignity.

Commander in Chief Town. Another Pennsylvania girl, Mrs. Sharkey.

Mrs. Emma Sharkey. I just want to say I am happy to meet you all.

Commander in Chief Town. Here is another old friend of mine from Pennsylvania, Mrs. Maybelle Nissen.

Mrs. Maybelle S. Nissen. Good morning, comrades. God bless you all.

Commander in Chief Town. Here is one of the western product of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Slattery.

Mrs. May B. Slattery. I am most happy to be here to meet and greet my father's comrades.

Commander in Chief Town. Mrs. Margaret Franz of Pittsburgh, another old friend of mine, or a young friend.

Mrs. Franz. The pleasure of greeting these comrades, my father's comrades, can never be estimated. I love you one and all.

Commander in Chief Town. Here is a darling, another one of my Pennsylvanians. She spoke last night in the camp fire. Mrs. Kuhns.

Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns. I bring you greetings from the national body, ladies of the Grand Army, as their national chaplain, and the message I leave with you is God bless you and keep each and every one of you, and I hope that you may all meet with us next year.

Commander in Chief Town. Here is one of our good Philadelphia girls, Mrs. Mattie S. Sewell.

Mrs. Sewell. Our commander in chief said when we came up on the platform, "Is that all?" I want to bring to our commander in chief the regrets of our department president that she was not able to be here with us. But she is attending to duty, and we knew that you would prefer a good soldier to stay in her post.

Commander in Chief Town. Here is a lady from the central part of the State, Mrs. Mateer.

Mrs. Josephine Mateer. Comrades, I am very glad to meet you. Our commander in chief said, "How many more?" I am the last. I made an appointment with your dearly beloved wife, and your wife went back on me—didn't come in with me, so we are going to chastise her when we get her back.

Mrs. Buchan. May I take the liberty of presenting my pianist, who is our national pianist, Miss Katherine Manson. She is also a

member of the ladies of the Grand Army. I am also a daughter of a veteran and a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, and I am not a widow.

Miss MANSON. I was born in Pennsylvania. I am a granddaughter and also had two uncles in the Civil War, and I want to say, "Hurrah for the Grand Army of the Republic."

Mrs. SAMUEL P. TOWN. Comrades, I don't need any introduction. These people say I was late. I was held up two minutes by a woman talking, and I was held up talking with the comrades and could not come with the committee. I am always glad to be here. I am going to say, "Hello, boys," and "Goodbye."

Commander in Chief TOWN. I will call on Doctor Arensberg to reply.

Past Commander in Chief LOUIS F. ARENSBERG. Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, this is a great pleasure for me to greet you this morning, and an added pleasure to know that so many of this wonderful group of ladies that have served in the Ladies of the Grand Army come from my own native State of Pennsylvania. I do not wish to take up much time this morning, but I want to say that we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for coming here and paying this tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you in the name and on behalf of the Sixty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(The committee retired, the encampment being called to its feet by the gavel.)

Comrade J. H. JUDY, of Illinois. I don't know what the order of proceedings of your business is now, but I do know that there are many here that will soon have to leave the hall—some of the Ohio delegates and others; and is it not possible, if there is not too much other business, that we can go ahead and elect a commander in chief?

Commander in Chief TOWN. I will notify the comrade that the election of officers, if that is what he is asking about, is the last business of the encampment. But I believe we are reaching it very rapidly. I believe the report of the council of administration ought to be read. We will get through very rapidly now.

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT. This is a supplemental report of the committee on credentials [reading]:

The committee on credentials met in the Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Wednesday, September 21, at 5.30 p. m. There were present Commander in Chief Town and the following members of the credentials committee: Adjutant General Hambright and Comrades Stacey, Davidson, and Risley; also Department Commander Williams and Assistant Adjutant General Shields of the Department of Idaho. The claim of Comrade J. B. Wentley to a seat in the national encampment as a past junior vice department commander was considered, and as the necessary records to prove the claim were not available it was decided that the matter should be referred to a committee of three to investigate and report to the next national encampment.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. HAMBRIGHT,
Chairman.
ALFRED E. STACEY,
M. H. DAVIDSON,
JOHN P. RISLEY,
Committee.

Commander in Chief TOWN. You have heard the report. All in favor say "aye." Contrary, "no." It is so ordered.

Officer of the Day. The auxiliary to the American Legion wish to present their greetings.

Commander in Chief Town. Just tell them to wait one moment.

Adjutant General Hambright [reading]:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS

The committee to whom was referred the reports of the several officers would respectfully report that they examined said reports and find them all made up in a true spirit of loyalty and congratulate the encampment in having so efficient a set of officers.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

Albert Dunham,
Geo. L. Thomas,
A. M. Reynolds,
Committee.

Commander in Chief Town. Anything on the desk of the assistant adjutant general? Past Commander in Chief Van Sant will read the memorial to Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance.

The memorial appearing at page 273 of this Journal was then read by Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. Van Sant.

Commander in Chief Town. Officer of the day, you will admit the delegation from the American Legion Auxiliary.

(A committee composed of Cleo Shanz, Olga Wright, Jennie Sprose, and M. Foster was then escorted to the platform.)

Mrs. Cleo Shanz. As president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit No. 32, I wish to extend greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic. This is our sister unit.

Olga Wright. I have the great pleasure of presenting to you in behalf of Capital City Unit No. 754 greetings.

Commander in Chief Town. Wait a minute. You are in too big a hurry. I am going to call on Comrade Wildman to reply to the auxiliary of the American Legion.

Inspector General Ira R. Wildman. Commander in chief and I don't know, but I will say dear sisters, for I have had the honor of having been made an associate member of the American Legion and also of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I want to assure you, sisters, it gives us great pleasure to have you come in here to this encampment of your fathers and your fathers' fathers and extend greetings. May God bless you and keep you and lead you on in the paths your fathers trod.

Commander in Chief Town. Thank you for your kindness in coming to-day.

(The delegation retired.)

Are there any other reports of committees?

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Olney Nelson [reading]:

Your committee oppointed to visit the Sons of Union Veterans, consisting of the following named persons, Oley Nelson, David N. Foster, and James H. Campbell, wish to report that we visited said Sons of Union Veterans at the Leland Hotel, Wednesday, September 20 and found them in session with their auxiliary—joint session, and we were received and escorted in and made our report to the Sons of Veterans from the Grand Army, wishing them success in their deliberations. They instructed the committee to report to the Grand Army their best wishes for a successful encampment in Springfield.

Respectfully yours,

Oley Nelson.
David N. Foster.
J. H. Campbell.

Commander in Chief Town. Comrades, you have heard the report of the committee. Are there any other committees ready to report?

Past Commander in Chief James E. Jewel. Your committee appointed to visit the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic performed that duty this morning and conveyed to them the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic and the wish that they might have a successful convention, as they call it, not only at this time but in all the years to come. We were royally and loyally received and we had a very fine time. The comrades that were with me were Comrade Adams and Comrade Tully. Thank you.

Commander in Chief Town. Are there any other committees to report?

Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett. I regret exceedingly the fact that as chairman of the committee to prepare suitable memorial in memory of Comrade Walsh, past commander in chief, I have not been supplied with sufficient data to do the subject justice from a patriotic standpoint. I know of my own personal knowledge in a cursory way that the comrade was a man of affairs and of high standing, but we must have the data. The reason why we have not procured it, I am informed, is that the remaining members of the family have been abroad, and I understand have but recently returned home. I beg the indulgence and permission of this encampment that my committee may be permitted to prepare that memorial and submit it in due time to the committee on printing. If I can have that indorsement I assure you that it will be prepared if I can get the facts.

(The memorial to Past Commander in Chief Frank A. Walsh appears at page 275 of this journal.)

Past Commander in Chief Louis F. Arensberg. I would like to have a word or two in regard to the commander's address.

Commander in Chief Town. Wait a minute. Past Commander in Chief Willett desires a little further time, and I have no doubt it is needed. It is not necessary to take a vote. It will be granted.

Past Commander in Chief Arensberg. Commander in Chief and comrades, I am a member of the committee on the report of the commander in chief, and I have gone over the report—his address—carefully. I have read every word of it, and as a member of the committee I heartily approve of everything that was said in it, and I want you to know that. This committee I believe will be continued to prepare the proper papers in regard to the commander's address, but I want you to know that as one member of that committee I heartily approve of every word that was said in that address. I hope you will read it.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Springfield, Ill.,
September, 1932.

Your committee on the address of the commander in chief, beg leave to report—

That we have examined the address of Commander in Chief Samuel P. Town with care and due consideration. We find, from the record made by the commander in chief, throughout the course of his administration, that he has performed his whole duty, during his stewardship, with fidelity and loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic, our auxiliary and allied patriotic societies, and we commend him in that behalf as a faithful and efficient head of our organization during his term of office.

We regret the fact that notwithstanding the extreme effort shown by the record on the part of Commander in Chief Town, assisted by the several committees of the G. A. R. Auxiliary and allied societies, they failed to procure the much needed legislation in Congress to equalize the pensions of all Civil War veterans and their widows. However, your committee is confident that the prevailing universal financial depression has prevented favorable consideration of the legislation in question.

We congratulate the commander in chief in that he is fortunate in presiding at this Sixty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, now in session in this historical city of Springfield, Ill., the former home of the immortal "Abraham Lincoln, the martyred president of these United States," in the State of the birth of the Grand Army of the Republic.

This present national encampment will be recorded as one of the most memorable gatherings in its history. Your committee heartily approve the report of the commander in chief in every detail.

J. W. Willett.
L. F. Arensburg.

Commander in Chief Town. These comrades have been so overworked that they could not get through everything they had to attend to. If there are any other reports——

Adjutant General Hambright. We had the report of the committee on memorial to our aged departed comrade Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance. I move, sir, that that report be adopted by a rising vote.

Commander in Chief Town. Let's wait until we get them all in. It has been moved and seconded that we give a rising vote in memory of Comrade Torrance, past commander in chief. All rise.

The committee on rules and regulations will now report. Past Commander in Chief Van Sant.

Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. Van Sant. The committee held a meeting. The only thing before it was a proposition that all members of the Grand Army who attend an encampment should be delegates to the encampment. After due consideration, as there are nine hundred and some odd delegates eligible this year, we concluded to do nothing—concluded to let it stand just as it is now.

Commander in Chief Town. You have heard the report of the committee on rules and regulations. All in favor of the report will give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "No."

(Motion carried.)

Is there any other business to come before the encampment before we go into the nomination of officers?

Past Commander in Chief James E. Jewel. I am very well satisfied that when the committee on resolutions reported on Resolution No. 5, which was to lay that resolution on the table, saying that the Grand Army had troubles enough of its own, it was misunderstood. Now, the Resolution No. 5 was the approval of the Gasque bill. The committee on legislation also approved the bill, and the report is now on file here and will undoubtedly be reported on soon and approved generally. I think it was a great mistake and is a great mistake for the Grand Army of the Republic to go on record without approving the Gasque bill. The Gasque bill has already passed the House, and it is before the United States Senate at this time and will undoubtedly be passed before the Congress adjourns finally.

Therefore, Commander in Chief, I move you that the motion be reconsidered of laying Resolution No. 5 on the table, and that we take No. 5 from the table, and that we approve Resolution No. 5.

Commander in Chief TOWN. It has been moved and seconded that Resolution No. 5 be reconsidered. Are you ready for the question?

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. I rise to a question of privilege to second this motion. There is an explanation. The error was not ours. There was nothing stated in the proposition that was presented to us as regards what the Gasque bill meant or contained, and that is too often the case in the presentation of resolutions. The committee should be informed. We met last night at the appointed time and were in session until away after 12 o'clock, and the explanation that has been made here—as chairman of the committee I am heartily in approval of the motion that has just been made and believe that this encampment should adopt it instead.

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT. I want to read the original resolution. [Cries of "No."]

Commander in Chief TOWN. Let's get through with it. The motion is to reconsider No. 5. Are you ready for the question? All in favor give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it. It is reconsidered. Now then the matter of No. 5 is before the encampment—that is, to approve the Gasque bill.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Just a moment. Comrade Hambright has called my attention to the reading of it, and I call for the reading of the motion that was laid on the table. We may want to withdraw our approval.

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT (reading):

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., *September 20, 1932.*

Whereas, the Grand Army of the Republic in its annual encampment at Springfield, Ill., adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That we indorse the Gasque bill, giving a pension to the widows of all wars, and as that bill is now in the Senate we urge our Senators J. Hamilton Lewis and Otis S. Glenn to give their support to this bill and that copies be sent to them and also a copy be sent to the National Tribune in Washington, D. C."

Commander in Chief TOWN. That is all right.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. Commander in Chief, I simply want to correct Comrade Jewel. The Gasque bill has not passed the House. It was reported favorably by Mr. Gasque of South Carolina, and in an unguarded moment that fellow Rankin came in and introduced a purely World War widows' bill which has passed unanimously, and members of the Congress told me later that they thought it was the Gasque bill. It is now over to the Senate and is termed the Robinson-Gasque bill. I tell you to read the report of our committee which explains the whole thing, and I second Comrade Jewel's motion.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES E. JEWEL. Just one moment, please. I was in error when I said the bill had passed the House. What I meant to say was that it was unanimously recommended by the Committee on Pensions and is now before the House.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Now then, comrades, as I understand the matter, that No. 5, having been reconsidered, is before this encampment for the adoption of the resolution. Are you ready for that question? You all understand it now, that it is to support the Gasque bill, which gives widows of the veterans of the Civil War a pension of $50 a month when they arrive at the age of 70 years. All

in favor of that will give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes appear to have it. The ayes have it, and it is so ordered. No. 5 is passed.

What further business is there? There being apparently no other business——

Past Commander in Chief Willett. Does that leave that as completed legislation?

Commander in Chief Town. If there be no further business we will proceed with the nomination and election of officers.

The roll of departments was then called for nominations for the office of commander in chief, without response except as indicated below.

Comrade Henry C. First, of Illinois. Commander in Chief, Illinois has a candidate that they present unanimously, and Past Commander in Chief Willett of Iowa will nominate him.

Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett. Commander in chief and comrades, I have known the candidate whom I am requested to name for the high office of commander in chief for more than a quarter of a century. I know him to be a comrade, both physically, and mentally qualified to fill that high position. He has shown by his works in different capacities, and his services in executive places like the executive committee of the council of administration and other committee work, and assistance at headquarters, that he has thoroughly familiarized himself with the workings that are required at the hands of a commander in chief. And in addition to that the delegation from the State of Illinois, the home of the martyred Lincoln, in the capital or which State we are now assembled in annual encampment, have unanimously offered him, and it becomes us, in my humble judgment, and I am directed by the delegates from Iowa to aid and assist the grand idea of the delegates from Illinois in selecting our chief from the State of Lincoln. And, without ramifications or any further statement in connection with the matter, I take great pleasure in behalf of the State of Illinois, the State of my birth, and in behalf of the delegates from Iowa, in presenting the name of Comrade Wright for that high honor. Thank you.

Commander in Chief Town. Comrade Wright has been nominated. Proceed with the roll.

Past Commander in Chief James E. Jewel. On behalf of the State of Kansas, and at the request of others, Kansas would pass now until the roll is completed, and then we will have something to say.

(Roll call continued and completed.)

Commander in Chief and comrades, I come before you on behalf of the State of Kansas. Kansas is the fourth largest department in the United States of America. Kansas at the time of the war when Lincoln called for troops produced more volunteers for the War of the Rebellion than any other State in the Union in proportion to her population. She sent more soldiers to the war than she had voters, and to-day there sleep in the soil of Kansas more veterans of the Civil War than in any other State in the Union. Kansas, the fifth State in the Union to receive her charter from the Grand Army of the Republic, has had the Department of Kansas now for 66 years.

Kansas has attended every national encampment. She has come

there with a delegation. She has supported every candidate for commander in chief, and in all those years twice before she has presented a candidate for commander in chief and she has yielded to other States. And this year Kansas has had a candidate in the person of Harding I. Merrill. He had been advertised and had offered himself as a candidate.

We realize the fact that Kansas, as well as the supporters of Kansas, are in the same position to-day that the Southern Confederacy and the soldiers of the South were at the close of the Civil War. They said, "You did not conquer us, but you overpowered us." And that is what we realize you have done.

Kansas therefore has decided not to present her candidate at this time, but we will ask you, my comrades, at St. Paul to consider the interests of the State of Kansas when it comes to elect a commander in chief.

And, Commander in Chief, now that there are no other candidates presented I move that the rules be suspended and the adjutant general be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for Comrade Wright, of Illinois. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief Town. The motion is before the encampment that the rules be suspended and that the adjutant general cast the vote for Comrade Wright, of Illinois.

Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. Van Sant. As an Illinois soldier I am proud to second the nomination of Comrade Wright. No comrade is better qualified to fill that position than he. He comes from the great State of Illinois, and it will be honoring that State. He comes from the State that sent to the war 150,000 soldiers. He comes from the State that gave the Nation three gallant men, Lincoln, Grant, and Logan.

Commander in Chief Town. All in favor of the motion that the adjutant general cast the vote for commander in chief for the ensuing year for Comrade Wright, of Illinois, give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes appear to have it. The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Adjutant General Hambright. By direction of the encampment I cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for William P. Wright for commander in chief.

Commander in Chief Town. I, therefore, declare Comrade William P. Wright, of Illinois, duly elected commander in chief for the ensuing year. The officer of the day will conduct Comrade Wright to the platform. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief-elect William P. Wright. When the Department of Illinois prevailed upon me to be a candidate for this high office I had an idea that it was a bigger job than I ought to undertake. But I consented to do so, and I can assure you, my comrades, that every effort and every ability that is in me will be presented for the benefit of the Grand Army of the Republic. Thank you.

Commander in Chief Town. The next business in order is the election of a senior vice commander in chief.

Upon roll call of the departments the following nominations were made:

Comrade J. S. Dumser, of California and Nevada. Commander in Chief and members of the Sixty-sixth Encampment, California has a candidate for the high office of senior vice commander in chief, and I call upon Past Commander in Chief Comrade Arensberg to place him in nomination.

Past Commander in Chief Louis F. Arensberg. I have been asked by the Department of California to present the name of a candidate for senior vice commander in chief to serve for the ensuing year. California presents a man who went into the service during the Civil War at the age of 15 years. He went into the service in 1863 and was discharged from the service in August, 1865. He is a competent man as far as mentality is concerned to hold this high position, physically able, and I am not going to take up any of your time because I present to you a comrade I think you all know. I present the name of Comrade Russell Martin, of California, for senior vice commander in chief.

Comrade J. W. Garner, of Oklahoma. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I now present to you the name of a man who has lived in our vicinity in Oklahoma and been a faithful attendant upon our encampments for about 30 years, and attends every national encampment. He was with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley at Cedar Creek when the hosts were turned back and defeated. He was a member of the One hundred and seventy-fifth New York Volunteer Infantry. I now present a name that you can all remember, and remember at this time that Oklahoma has never had a national representative. The Southwest has been neglected to some extent because we were not so strong there as you were east of the Mississippi River.

I want to call your attention to the fact that I would like to shake hands with our eastern comrades so that Oklahoma is remembered by them. Now, vote for a man that will always be with you as long as he has strength to meet with you in your encampments, both the national and in our State encampments. The name can easily be remembered. His name represents the last place you will occupy in this world—Coffin. Vote for Coffin of Oklahoma for senior vice commander.

(Roll call continued and concluded.)

Commander in Chief Town. The roll has been called. There are two nominees. Any seconds? Any seconds to these nominations?

Comrade Ira R. Wildman, of Connecticut. As your representative last month in the Department of Vermont, I met many stalwart comrades who had fought through from '61 to '65—a long struggle. I also met three comrades of my old brigade, George A. Custer's, who went over the top at Appomattox. On arriving home I found this splendid picture on my desk of a comrade from California who also belonged to that gallant brigade of George A. Custer's, and I said to myself, "I am going out to Springfield and vote for him." When we got together in our department I found that they had already decided on the unit rule to vote for our comrade whom you have elected as commander in chief. So I acquiesced with the Department of Connecticut. But now I wish, in behalf of the Department of Connecticut, to second the nomination for senior vice commander in chief of our good comrade Russell Martin, of California. [Applause.]

Comrade Charles E. Nason, of Maine. I claim the privilege of seconding the nomination of Comrade Martin because he has shown the patriotism and sought the harmony of this encampment by not having his name presented here for commander in chief, which was the wish and desire of his entire department. He is a man well qualified in every way to fill the position of senior vice commander, and I hope that, as we have elected our commander in chief, the vote of this encampment may be unanimous for Comrade Martin, of California.

Comrade A. E. Vest, of California and Nevada. I want to second the nomination of Comrade Russell C. Martin from California. Russell C. Martin is capable and competent in every way. I was department commander of California and Nevada, and Comrade Martin was my main man. If you get on a railroad train and the engineer of that train succumbs, all you have to do is to ask Comrade Martin and he will take you through to your destination. I second the nomination of Comrade Martin.

Commander in Chief Town. Officer of the day, please admit the delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps.

Comrade J. W. Garner, of Oklahoma. I rise to announce that our candidate withdraws his name.

Comrade Ira R. Wildman, of Connecticut. I move that the adjutant general cast the ballot of the encampment for Comrade Martin.

Commander in Chief Town. The candidate from Oklahoma having withdrawn his name, therefore there is but one candidate, and a motion will be in order that the adjutant general cast the vote for Comrade Martin.

Comrade Wildman. I move that the adjutant general be instructed to cast the unanimous vote.

Commander in Chief Town. It has been moved and seconded that the adjutant general cast the unanimous ballot of the encampment for Comrade Russell C. Martin for senior vice commander in chief. All in favor will signify it by saying "aye." Contrary? The ayes have it.

Adjutant General Hambright. By direction of the encampment I cast the unanimous ballot for Comrade Russell C. Martin, of California, for senior vice commander in chief.

Commander in Chief Town. The commander in chief now declares that Comrade Martin, having received the unanimous vote of this encampment, is the senior vice commander in chief for the ensuing year.

Officer of the day, you will escort those ladies to the platform.

I want to introduce to the comrades of this encampment the senior vice commander in chief for the ensuing year, Comrade Russell Martin. [Applause.]

Comrade Russell C. Martin, of California and Nevada. Commander in chief and comrades, and to our visitors here too, as well, our distinguished visitors who have come as a delegation bringing greetings, greetings from those that are serving us. I just want to say to you, my comrades, that I am ready, as I have served you last year. I was junior vice commander in chief. I am ready to serve you this year or any other year in which you wish me to serve you. My time is my own and I am glad to be of

service not only to the Grand Army of the Republic but everybody with whom I get in touch year after year as we go about among ourselves. There is something more in this world than office. There is something more that is known as comradeship, and as well between the comrades, their auxiliary and their allies, but also people still outside the circle, and there is something for everyone of us to do to try to improve the condition of our friends and those about us and those that we meet. I would like to advise everyone of this organization and everyone that is within hearing of my voice to have a smile on their face, to have a handshake, to have a good word instead of a bad word for everybody that they meet; carry sunshine in their faces and in their general deportment, and try to bring happiness into everyone's life that you meet. I am going to try to do this this year, and I want you when you meet me to have sunshine in your faces too. I thank you.

Commander in Chief Town. Now, comrades, we have a delegation from the auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. It affords me great pleasure to present to you at this time the president of that great organization, Mrs. Atwood.

Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, President National Woman's Relief Corps. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, national officers, comrades all: This is truly an inspiration to come into this theater and look over this audience. I would almost think the snow had fallen last night. But how we revere that white hair of yours, and how happy we are that we have been able to work with you and for you for 50 years. You have made us happy by allowing us to be your auxiliary, and we come to you this morning with love in our hearts to tell you of the work that has been accomplished the past year for you and yours [reading]:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS TO THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Springfield, Ill., *September 20, 1932.*

Samuel P. Town,
Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the pleasure of submitting to you the following report of the work accomplished the past year ending June 30, 1932:

Number of departments	36
Number of provisional departments	3
Number of detached corps	19
Number of corps	1,933
Number of members	142,985
Amount of cash expended for relief of soldiers	$755,045.00
Amount of cash turned over to posts	11,417.10
Estimated value of relief other than money	270,769.28
Total expended as above	289,736.83
For Memorial Day from national headquarters	1,012.00
For southern memorial funds	902.95
Total amount expended for Memorial Day, etc., during the year	1,914.95

Balance in general funds of corps	$278,845.14
Balance in relief funds	20,323.71
Total in general and relief funds of corps	299,168.85
Total number of persons assisted	52,938

In addition to the above, we have contributed during the year ending June 30, 1932:

For World War veterans and nurses	$2,685.42
For Spanish War veterans and nurses	350.66
For soldiers' homes	2,487.00
For soldiers' widows' homes	2,069.12
For soldiers' orphans' homes	451.02
Work of Americanization	2,326.25
For scholarships	1,490.54
Child welfare	921.98

The national treasurer's report shows cash balances to June 30:

General fund	$14,725.48	
In all other funds	16,447.80	
Total cash in all funds		31,173.28
Merchandise and bills receivable		10,180.13
Total assets		41,353.41
Liabilities		None.

In addition to this financial report it gives me great pleasure to add the presentation of two flags of the United States of America to the Vice President of the United States, Charles Curtis, and to the Speaker of the House, John N. Garner.

The presentation of a sabre, called the U. S. Grant sabre, to the cadet at West Point excelling in military excellence.

The presentation of a beautiful flag to the hospital in Louisiana where the lepers are cared for.

The presentation of an electric knife, for operations, to the hospital for women and children.

Assistance in securing a float for the Grand Army of the Republic in Washington, D. C., on June 14.

Also assistance in securing the house where Lincoln died as a shrine.

We have tried to fulfill our mission of serving the Grand Army of the Republic, and we hope that you will feel that we have.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

ANNIE POOLE ATWOOD,
President National Woman's Relief Corps.

Now, Commander Town, I feel that this report must be satisfactory to you, and the women are still ready to help you. They are still ready for your guidance.

Once a long time ago there came into this beautiful world a little boy, and that little boy grew up to be kind and considerate. Indeed, he grew up to be a man, a big man, a great man, a man who was known all over this great country of ours. And may I extend to you men who are in front of me my congratulations that you elected such a wonderful man as your leader the past year, Samuel P. Town.

I want also at this time to extend my congratulations to the two men you have just elected, Comrade Wright, of Illinois, and Comrade Martin, of California, both splendid men, and you have made no mistake. I thank you.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Mrs. Miller. I want to introduce the secretary, Mrs. Flo Miller, whom you all know.

Mrs. Flo Jamison Miller, Secretary National Woman's Relief Corps. Commander in Chief, comrades of the Grand Army, and friends, I am glad to be here to-day. I always like to talk to the men. I always like to talk to the soldiers. But you have done a splendid work this morning when you elected a man from my State for your commander in chief, and when he leaves his office I feel sure from all over the country will come:

Power to prairies of the West,
Echoes of our joy;
Song that comes from every breast,
"God bless you, Illinois."

I want to say to you that you could not help do anything else because Illinois put down the rebellion. I can prove it to you this way. When the war broke out and things were not going just right, Abraham Lincoln, from Illinois, came to your assistance. Time went on, and again there was a mix-up. What did you do? You sent to Illinois, and we gave you U. S. Grant, and the rebellion was put down.

Your time is valuable. If there is anything under the sun I like to do it is to vote. I don't always vote as you have been voting here this morning. I sometimes scratch my ticket, and there wasn't one of yours scratched.

But I want to say on behalf of the Illinois Relief Corps, on behalf of the friends from all over, that the Relief Corps stands ready at all times to do everything in their power to assist the Grand Army. My father was a soldier, and I could not do anything else. I could not be anything but loyal. And so with just my best regards I bid you Godspeed and trust you will have a successful journey the rest of your life.

Miss Mary E. Elliot, of Masachusetts. Commander in chief and members of the encampment, I esteem it an honor to have the privilege of standing here as a member of the greetings committee and extending my best wishes to this distinguished gathering of the Grand Army of the Republic. As long as the Woman's Relief Corps exists the name and the fame and the achievements of the Grand Army will live in the hearts of our members. I wish you continued success in the great and noble work you have so nobly performed in the cause of a united Republic and the highest ideals of American citizenship.

Commander in Chief Town. There are a couple of more ladies here. Mrs. Bennett, of Pennsylvania, we would like to hear from you.

Mrs. Margaret J. Lewis Bennett, Past National President Woman's Relief Corps. Commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and past department commander of the Department of Pennsylvania, I first am going to help bring the greetings from the national organization. Then I am going to bring the greetings of over 4,000 women auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic from your Department of Pennsylvania. I also have been requested by Abbie Lynch to extend to you her congratulations on a wonderful year of service for the Grand Army and her best wishes for a successful convention. And Laura W. Willow, your good friend, our secretary, wished me to extend her greetings to you with her best wishes.

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Department of Pennsylvania congratulates you in your selection of this year's commander in chief. I know that he has endeared himself to you as he has always been our hearts' shrine as assistant adjutant general of the organization for these many years. You made no mistake when you selected Comrade Town. And then you were certainly fortunate in his having selected a commander to the commander in chief who has a life work in his home, a life work in her family, and a life work in the Department of Pennsylvania. She takes all the comrades in my department under her wing and claims every one of them for her own.

Then Comrade Town made no mistake when he selected my department commander, Comrade Hambright, of Pennsylvania, for his adjutant general; and how very fortunate I am to-day to say that I have here my commander in chief of the present day, my commander in chief when I was national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, and my department commander in my Department of Pennsylvania—what more honor could come to any woman than to have three commanders in chief on this platform at this time!

Accept our congratulations, Comrade Town, for all of your accomplishments, and may I say [singing]:

For we love you truly, truly, dear.
Life with all its sorrows,
Life with its peace,
Fades into dreams,
When we feel you are near,
For we love you truly, truly, dear.

[Applause.]

Commander in Chief Town. Here's another lady that was in here a little while ago. She is back again, but she won't say much.

Mrs. Mazie Town. How do you know what I am going to say?

Commander in Chief Town. This is Mrs. Town.

Mrs. Town. I am commander to the commander in chief. I know I am pretty well known, for I am a member of the Relief Corps. I am a member of all the associations but one which I am not entitled to, and that is the Daughters of Veterans. My father was not a veteran. He was a very sick man. But I had an uncle in the Navy and I had an uncle in the Army who was very badly wounded at the battle of Antietam and died from his wounds. So I think I am entitled to belong to any organization. I don't care if I am a Daughter or not, because we all work for the same purpose, and we certainly would do anything in the world for the comrades.

I took charge of one the whole year, and I tell you we took good care of him. Our official family we had with us was grand. We had the Daughters of Veterans, Mrs. Goetz, and our lovely woman here, Mrs. Atwood. She can not be surpassed by anyone—I don't care who they elect in years, they will never come up to her. She traveled with us everywhere. She was wonderful. And I had so many, many names I didn't know who I belonged to. I was called Mrs. Maloney, and Will-o'-the-Wisp, and Sport. So I had so many names I didn't know what I was.

But I want to tell you, comrades, the memory of this year will last through all my life. It was so pleasant. And I said, "Smile.

smile, smile." They didn't have to tell us to smile. We were always smiling. We took the good time with us. We went about thanking all our comrades everywhere we went. They gave us such a wonderful time. Mr. Martin was most wonderful to us when we arrived in California. We went everywhere, some places where they never had a national commander. They almost carried us around. So I am going to say, "Good morning, boys, and I'll meet you in St. Paul."

Commander in Chief Town. I will just state to the ladies of the Relief Corps, we are very glad to have you come in here. I will call on Past Commander in Chief Van Sant to reply.

Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. Van Sant. Commander in chief, ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, I deem it an honor and a pleasure to respond to these splendid women. You are our auxiliary, and if you had been here this morning you would have seen the evidence that you can not be pried loose from us. You are part of us, and the better part at that. We thank you for what you have done, are doing, and will continue to do.

I am sometimes asked how long the Grand Army of the Republic will hold these meetings. As long as we have the Woman's Relief Corps as our auxiliary. [Applause.] And that will be until the last old soldier has crossed the Great Divide.

Ladies, we thank you for your presence here this morning. Your report was surely a fine document to present to this body. And may God's blessings go with you.

Mrs. Margaret J. Lewis Bennett then sang another verse of We Love You Truly to Comrades William P. Wright and Russel C. Martin.

Commander in Chief Town. The officer of the day will escort these ladies from the hall. Comrades, you will please arise while the ladies are going out.

The next business in order is the nomination of candidates for the office of junior vice commander in chief. The roll will be called for junior vice commander in chief.

Comrade H. B. Davidson, of Illinois. Commander in chief and comrades of the Grand Army, this is a pleasure that I have been waiting for, waiting for for some time. I want to place in nomination a representative man of the Grand Army who entered his services when a boy of tender age. After his family had procured his release the fires of patriotism continued to burn in his breast, and as soon as possible he joined a regiment and went to the front. At the expiration of that time he reenlisted. He served in the Army of the Potomac. You all know what the Army of the Potomac was, and they never refused to go forward. At the close of the war at Appomattox, the last battle fought by General Grant against the Confederates, his captain was killed—almost the last man. He then returned home, and after a time became a citizen of Illinois, lived down here at Beardstown. When that post became extinct he became a member of Stephenson Post. From that his business took him to Alabama, and he has lived there among those Alabamans and he is their commander. Whenever he goes among those people of the South he engenders none of the old antagonism. He is their friend and their loyalty is not questioned after he has talked with

them. That is one grand thing. The amity he has established in the South is something we ought to be proud of.

In justice to our comrades of the South I want to see this comrade given this office of junior vice commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. That would do more to harmonize the good feelings of the South with those of the North than most anything you could do, and it is simple justice to our comrades of the South.

I want to place in nomination your present officer of the day. Arise, come up, and let the comrades look at you. You are not afraid of his vitality, you are not afraid of his intellect. He is possessed of all the qualifications necessary for the highest office in this grand army and I hope you will elect him and show a feeling of justice towards the South. I thank you, my comrades.

Commander in Chief Town. I will just ask now—we are just at the head of the departments. There has been one nomination by Alabama. Are there any other nominations from any other State?

(Roll call of departments continued.)

W. C. Calland, of Missouri. Comrades, Missouri desires to present a candidate for junior vice commander in chief. We present to you first a soldier of unexcelled character. The length of his service was going on five years. He enlisted at the very beginning of the war, in April, and he was mustered out at the close of the war. He was wounded twice in those wonderful battles in the East. His regiment participated in three of the greatest and most sanguinary battles on the East, beginning with Bull Run and ending with Gettysburg. At Gettysburg his regiment from Maine suffered in the Bloody Angle and lost such a large number there. He was taken prisoner twice in the war, not on the picket line nor on the forage line, but at the front in the active battle. He was carried once to Libby prison, where he helped dig the famous tunnel and escaped. He was recaptured and taken to other prisons in the South. At Columbia, S. C., human nature giving out with the position and condition, with other officers they rushed the guard and escaped from the prison. They were followed by bloodhounds and by prison guards. They went through an uninhabited territory almost, with scarcely any clothing on their bodies, in the coldest weather. Finally after traveling 500 miles they landed in Tennessee and joined the Federal Army. Such is the life of this comrade of ours.

He is an educated man. We are bringing you a man of vitality, one who can minister and be a strong aid to the commander in chief. He is a college man. I will assure you he is ready to serve.

Just one more word. He is not asking this position for the simple honor, but he is asking for it for service in the Grand Army, which he has been able to do and has done in Missouri. His name is H. M. Anderson, of Kansas City.

Commander in Chief Town. Comrade Anderson, of Kansas City, Mo., has been nominated. Proceed with the roll.

(Roll call continued and concluded.)

Now, comrades, there are two candidates for junior vice commander in chief. The different departments will now determine how they will vote, and the roll will be called and the department commander

of each department will come to the front here and announce the vote, so there will be no trouble. I would like to have each candidate select one teller. I understand there are several persons that want to second these nominations. While these seconds are being made it will give you an opportunity to prepare your ballots so that the department commanders can announce the vote rapidly.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN REESE. Comrades, I desire to second the nomination of the comrade whose history you have just heard about—a comrade who has made sacrifices in line of battle and in rebel prisons, and who is able to serve you. We have this morning been very happy in selecting a commander in chief and a senior vice commander, and now let us wind up by selecting a junior vice commander to work with them. I want to second the nomination of Comrade Anderson, of Missouri.

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON, of Maine. I want to take one moment of your time to tell you that I am proud to second the nomination of Comrade Anderson, of Kansas City, Mo., who served almost six years in the service, starting with the Third Maine Infantry, the first regiment to go from our State, for three years. I have known him in the past, his history and his life, and I guarantee that he will give you service to the end.

Comrade JAMES H. CAMPBELL, of Illinois. I want to second the nomination of Comrade Anderson. It gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity of seconding the nomination of this comrade.

Comrade GEORGE T. BENSON, of Maine. Comrade Anderson was a member of my company. Let me tell you we never could get a better man. If you trust him with this office he will fill it to the best of his ability.

Comrade H. E. PAINE, of Pennsylvania. I want to second the nomination of Comrade Jones, of Alabama. Comrade Jones would not turn against the comrades, and are we going to turn our backs on them? I don't believe you are made of that kind of stuff. It is time we gave the southern departments some recognition and they have presented a man worthy of our votes, and let's give them some recognition. They do a great work there in decorating the graves of our comrades and the others that are down there and we are under obligation to them, and we can only requite that obligation by electing Comrade Jones, of Alabama.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Any further seconds?

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. For 20 years I spent my life in the South. I know the work and valor of the comrades down there. I know this man. He is a good soldier. He lives down South. He has done all he could to decorate the graves of our departed comrades. I most heartily second the nomination of the comrade from Alabama, Comrade Jones.

Comrade ORESTUS BLAKE, of Michigan. I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Jones, of Alabama.

Comrade A. J. RAWSON, of Colorado and Wyoming. Commander in chief and comrades, I want to second the nomination of Comrade Jones, of Alabama, for the same reason some other comrades have mentioned. We owe something to the comrades down there who have attended to the decoration of the graves of the boys that lost their lives, laid down their lives, during that great struggle. I am

proud of the chance to second the nomination of Comrade Jones, of Alabama.

Comrade F. Burke O'Brien, of South Dakota. South Dakota seconds the nomination of Comrade Jones.

Comrade Alfred E. Stacey, of New York. New York seconds the nomination of Jones.

Comrade Logan L. Dyke, of Florida. Florida seconds the nomination of Jones.

Comrade M. H. Davidson, of Kentucky. Kentucky seconds the nomination of Comrade Jones, of Alabama.

Announcements were also made from the Departments of West Virginia, Wisconsin, Louisiana and Mississippi, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maryland, Ohio, and Illinois that those departments seconded the nomination of Comrade Jones, of Alabama.

Commander in Chief Town. We will proceed with the vote. Has Comrade Anderson selected a teller? Has Comrade Jones selected a teller? We will proceed with the vote.

Comrade J. D. Harvey, of Kansas. Kansas wants to second the nomination of Captain Anderson.

Commander in Chief Town. Now we will proceed with the vote.

(The roll of departments was then called, with the following result:)

Department	Jones	Anderson
California and Nevada	14	10
Colorado and Wyoming	12	----
Connecticut	11	----
Florida	7	----
Idaho	5	----
Illinois	22	5
Indiana	14	----
Iowa	1	9
Kansas	----	15
Kentucky	7	----
Louisiana and Mississippi	5	----
Maine	1	9
Maryland	4	----
Massachusetts	15	----
Michigan	5	----
Minnesota	7	----
Missouri	----	19
Nebraska	17	----
New Hampshire	----	3
New Jersey	11	----
New York	18	----
Ohio	17	----
Oklahoma	4	----
Oregon	1	----
Pennsylvania	21	----
Rhode Island	3	----
South Dakota	6	----
Vermont	3	----
Washington and Alaska	5	----
West Virginia	4	----
Wisconsin	10	----
On platform	12	8

Commander in Chief Town. The tellers agree in their count. The vote is: Jones, 262; Anderson, 78. I therefore declare Comrade Jones duly elected to the office of junior vice commander in chief for the ensuing year. Comrade Jones will please step to the front. Comrades, it affords me pleasure to introduce to you your newly elected junior vice commander in chief.

Comrade Charles E. Jones, of Alabama. Comrades of the Grand Army, first, I thank you. Then I will tell you the peculiarities of my position. After I came out of the war I came to Illinois, and I have been a voting citizen of Illinois up to this day, 50 miles west of Springfield, up at Beardstown, Ill. But circumstances took me South, where I have a business in the South, after I had served 45 years on a railroad. My people thought when I went South I would get into trouble, because they said I was always so positive that I might hurt the feelings of the Johnnies. Comrades, I made many friends, but I have never taken a back seat. Loyalty to the flag of the United States has always been my motto. But the comrades who have been on the firing line in old Virginia or on the Potomac, or who have met the Johnny Reb face to face, know he was a fighting man—he served and was a fighting man. And I say to you, sir, that the Johnny Reb has everlastingly made me think more of him. for he has treated me royally as being a Yankee who was not afraid to speak his piece.

I thank you again, commander and comrades, for this honor you have given me.

Commander in Chief Town. Nominations for surgeon general are next in order. Are there any nominations for surgeon general? Anybody want it? I want to know if there is going to be any contest. If there is only one candidate, we will not call the roll.

Comrade David N. Foster, of Indiana. Commander in chief and comrades, the Department of Indiana desires to place in nomination for surgeon general Dr. Edward H. Cowan. You all know him. We have no better comrade in Indiana than Comrade Cowan. He has had 50 years of active practice as a physician. I promise you that he will serve efficiently.

Commander in Chief Town. Are there any other nominations for surgeon general? If not, a motion will be in order to suspend the rules and have the adjutant cast the vote.

Comrade Charles E. Nason, of Maine. I move that the rules be suspended and the adjutant general cast the vote of this encampment for the comrade from Indiana for surgeon general.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief Town. It has been moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and the adjutant general cast the vote for Comrade Cowan, of Indiana, for surgeon general. All in favor give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." So ordered.

Adjutant General Hambright. By direction of the encampment I cast the entire vote for Dr. Edward H. Cowan, of Indiana, for surgeon general for the ensuing term.

Commander in Chief Town. I now declare Comrade Cowan duly elected to the office of surgeon general.

The next business in order will be the election of a chaplain in chief. Nominations will be in order.

Comrade Charles E. Nason, of Maine. I know that every comrade in this hall knows the man that I choose to nominate for our chaplain for the coming year. He has served us in the past. We love him and respect him and honor him for the manner he has always served us, and I place in nomination for chaplain for the ensuing year the Rev. J. King Gibson, chaplain of the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio.

Commander in Chief Town. Our present chaplain in chief desires me to say that he is not a candidate for reelection. Are there any other nominations for chaplain in chief? If not, a motion will be in order for the adjutant general to cast the ballot.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Oley Nelson. I make that motion.

Commander in Chief Town. A motion has been made that the rules be suspended and that the adjutant general cast the vote for Rev. J. King Gibson for chaplain in chief. Are you ready for the question? All in favor give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it.

Adjutant General Hambright. Commander in chief, by direction of the encampment, I cast the unanimous vote for J. King Gibson for chaplain in chief.

Commander in Chief Town. Rev. J. King Gibson having received the unanimous vote of this encampment for chaplain in chief, I now declare him elected to that office for the ensuing year.

Comrades, the office of trustee of the permanent fund. Doctor Pilcher's term expires.

Adjutant General Hambright. I move he be elected to succeed himself.

Commander in Chief Town. As he has been unable to be here on account of illness, I think it is nothing more than proper that we should reelect him. A motion has been made to that effect.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Oley Nelson. I second the motion.

Commander in Chief Town. It has been moved and seconded that Doctor Pilcher be elected one of the trustees of the permanent fund. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." It is so ordered.

Comrades, we have been very successful this morning in receiving all the delegations that were here; also that we have pretty nearly completed our business.

I am just informed that there is a resident citizen of Springfield in our meeting, and that he desires that Comrade Davidson be called upon—a beloved comrade of the Department of Illinois whom we had been informed was ill and not able to attend this encampment. He is with us. He got out of his house to-day. I desire to call upon him, as he has been instrumental in a great degree in giving us the fine reception we have received here.

It has been found you have been very instrumental in preparing this city for our reception, so we are thanking you.

Comrade H. B. Davidson of Illinois. Commander in chief and comrades, it has been a great pleasure to me to have the Grand Army of the Republic hold its session in Springfield. Our late comrade, Cola D. Stowits, frequently asked the question why Spring-

field did not send an invitation. There was only one reply to that question. Our hotel accommodations were not adequate for the Grand Army of the Republic, and had not the Hotel Abraham Lincoln been built we could not have asked you to come. But I was very proud when we were able to ask you to come to Springfield in compliance with your comrade's desire. How often he wanted to come here, to the monument of Abraham Lincoln, to his home, and to the scene of the other interesting parts taken by Abraham Lincoln while he lived close to Springfield and in Springfield. The old historic building over there, our courthouse—hardly a county in the State of Illinois can show a grander looking building, and none have the associations of that building. Abraham Lincoln helped make it the capitol of Illinois. Within those walls after the close of the war Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson with his friend Rutledge finally inaugurated the Grand Army of the Republic and went over to Decatur, where they could establish it by getting the printed matter done there by comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. That was the reason Decatur got the first post. But when I got out of the Army I joined Stephenson Post, No. 2, in Springfield in sixty-six. The Grand Army was established before I got out of the Army. That was the only reason why I was not a charter member.

I thank you for what you have done. I thank you for coming to Springfield. I trust that you will have a pleasant recollection of coming here. I know that many of you have a different idea of Springfield now than you had before you came. The monument alone is worth a journey to Springfield. The other associations that are connected with the name of Abraham Lincoln make a volume of information that every old soldier that fought under the flag should possess. I thank you.

Comrade P. L. Swartz, of Missouri. Will the new council meet on the adjournment of this meeting? Will there be a session of the new council?

Commander in Chief-elect William P. Wright. I would like to state that the new council will meet in the headquarters in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel this afternoon at 3 o'clock prompt—the members of the council of administration. That also includes the senior vice commander, the junior vice commander, the adjutant general, and the quartermaster general besides the elected members of the different departments.

Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett. Commander in chief and comrades, in view of the fact that the disposition on the platform here, as well as in the body of the house, is to expedite business and proceed at once, as it were, with the installation of officers, as chairman of the committee on the commander in chief's report I hereby accept the verbal report of Comrade Arensberg during the progress of this meeting, with the privilege of adding to it such, if anything, as may be considered proper in that regard. Governor Van Sant is also on the committee. You know how we have been crowded.

Commander in Chief Town. I know. I appreciate that. We will see that the report is properly shaped and properly presented.

Now, comrades, we will proceed with the installation of officers.

Comrade WALTER S. TULLY, of New Jersey. It is usual to confirm the nomination of your council of administration.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Then the motion has been made that the names handed in for the council of administration be confirmed by this encampent. Are you ready for the question? All in favor give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The names of the council handed in by the departments are confirmed as the council for the ensuing year.

We will now proceed with the installation of officers. As has been the usual custom, the senior past commander in chief will be the installing officer, Comrade King.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. Comrades, it will only take a very few minutes for this installation. Don't all leave the room. Officer of the day, present Comrade Wright, elected commander in chief; Comrade Martin, senior vice; Comrade Jones, junior vice; Comrade Cowan, surgeon general. Rev. J. King Gibson, chaplain in chief, is not present.

Commander in Chief, have you selected your adjutant general?

Commander in Chief-elect WRIGHT. I have. Comrade Brainard, of New York, as adjutant general.

Past Commander in Chief KING. Have you selected your quartermaster general?

Commander in Chief-elect WRIGHT. If Comrade Town will accept that, I should be very happy to appoint him.

Past Commander in Chief KING. Comrade Wright, the fact that your comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in the sixty-sixth annual encampment have selected you as their commander in chief for the ensuing year and your familiarity with the rules and regulations and procedure of the Grand Army make any particular observations to you as to your duty and work supererogation. Therefore, I waive the details found in the ritual and declare you duly elected and installed as commander in chief.

The following additional officers were then duly installed:

Senior vice commander in chief, Russell C. Martin, of California and Nevada.

Junior vice commander in chief, Charles E. Jones, of Alabama.

Surgeon general, Edward H. Cowan, of Indiana.

Adjutant general, Calvin A. Brainard, of New York.

Quartermaster general, Samuel P. Town, of Pennsylvania.

Past Commander in Chief KING. There are no words of mine that I can add to what has already been said. You are all good tried and true members of the Grand Army of the Republic. You are the choice of the Sixty-sixth Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I know that you will fully discharge the duties that may come upon you. Therefore I ask to be excused from any further service.

Past Commander in Chief TOWN. Comrade Wright, you have been duly installed as commander in chief. It affords me great pleasure to present to you this gavel.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. Thank you, Commander. The officer of the day will present the comrades to their proper stations.

I want to make a correction in my announcement of a moment ago. The junior vice commander in chief, as well as the adjutant

general and quartermaster general, is also a member of the council of administration. They will meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon, as I said, at the general headquarters in the Lincoln Hotel. It won't take us long, but the matters that are to come before that council are very impotrant, especially to the incoming administration of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I hope that those of the council will be present at that meeting, even if it is inconvenient for them, for a few moments.

Is there any further business to come before this encampment?

Comrade Oley Nelson of Iowa. May I make an announcement of an automobile accident that happened to a comrade coming from Sheboygan to Springfield? Louis Hoberg, of Sheboygan, Wis., past commander, was run into by another car just outside of Springfield. He and his wife received great injuries, but no bones were broken. His car was practically demolished and it cost him $169 to repair the car to go home. The car was not insured. I ask the unanimous consent of the encampment that the department commanders take up a little silver offering as you go out here on the floor and compensate them for their great sacrifice in expenditure for repairing their automobile.

Commander in Chief Wright. Is there any action that is wished to be taken by the comrades of the encampment on this notice? It is a request and not an official action.

Is there any other business to come before the encampment?

Comrade Nelson. I will see that he gets the money.

Past Commander in Chief King. Commander in Chief, I have great pleasure in placing upon you the insignia of your office. I know that you will never do anything derogatory to that office, and that that badge will be a badge of honor to you and the order. Wear it over a heart that beats true to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief Wright. Thank you. Is there anything further?

Comrade Ira R. Wildman of Connecticut. I presume there are a good many of the comrades that did not have the privilege last night of attending the campfire. Those that did will remember that the commander in chief was presented with a badge, but they did not pin it on him because he was not a past commander in chief then. Now, it seems to me that it would be a good thing if Past Commander in Chief Foster—I do not see Comrade Nason here, who presented it—would pin that badge on the commander in chief that these comrades may know what his staff did for him.

Past Commander in Chief Edwin J. Foster. I am greatly pleased to pin this beautiful badge upon you, I am sure. No one could take more pride in doing it than I do.

Commander in Chief Wright. There being no further business before this encampment, I declare it closed without form.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND OF COMMITTEES

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

SLATER, IOWA, *July 28, 1932.*

W. F. HAMBRIGHT,
Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: To comply with the rules and regulations of our revered order I have the honor to submit to you and the sixty-sixth national encampment the following report of the services rendered by me during the past year as senior vice commander in chief.

First, I wish through you to express my sincere thanks to all the members of the Grand Army for the honor conferred on me by my election as senior vice commander in chief in the Sixty-fifth National Encampment at Des Moines last September.

The duties of my office have not been strenuous and I have experienced real joy in performing them. I have been ready and anxious at all times to execute the orders of my commander in chief.

In January I received an invitation from the commander in chief to meet him in Chicago and go with him to Springfield, Ill., which I accepted. Arriving at Springfield we were met by officials of the city and the chamber of commerce and taken to the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, where a dinner and program was given in our honor that evening. The following day we met with the chamber of commerce committee to arrange for the coming national encampment. We were also entertained in Springfield by auto rides and taken to the former home of Abraham Lincoln which we viewed with mingled thoughts, for there our commander in chief had lived. We were also shown, at the depot, a bronze tablet on a bowlder, inscribed with Lincoln's farewell address to his neighbors and friends. That address will be recorded in history as symbolizing his divine thought for the future of this Nation. Then we were taken to the tomb of Lincoln where he, his wife, and three sons are buried. For this visit to Springfield I wish to thank the commander in chief.

I was highly honored by the commander in chief by the appointment as his representative to visit the following department encampments: Kansas at Wichita, May 9–10; Iowa at Council Bluffs, June 5–6; Illinois at Joliet, June 7–9; and Wisconsin at Waukesha, June 13–17.

I wish to say that in all my visits to the four encampments I was received with high honors as the representative of the commander in chief, and I felt in the many functions given me at these encampments it would have been a high honor and pleasure for Commander in Chief and Mrs. Town to have been present.

It was inspiring to see the spirit of patriotism shown by every one at these encampments; to know that the sacrifices of our comrades were not in vain. It seemed as if the allied organizations vied with one another in honoring the members of the Grand Army. In

my native State, Wisconsin, at the encampment at Waukesha, I was doubly honored as the representative of the commander in chief to be asked to present to the Cushing Park Board a new steel flagpole, which I did to the best of my ability on the spur of the moment, and which was accepted by the chairman of the park commission, Comrade E. B. Heimstreet, in a very fluent and inspiring address.

I owe to the following-named comrades special thanks for their many courtesies shown me in visiting the different encampments: Comrade H. I. Merrill, Wichita, past department commander of Kansas; Comrade James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa, past commander in chief; Comrade William P. Wright, Chicago, past department commander of Illinois, and Comrade W. H. Chesbrough, Beloit, past department commander of Wisconsin.

Now, as my term of office will soon expire, it brings with it sadness, but pleasant memories, for it has been a most memorable year. I am greatly indebted to the boys of '61 who conferred upon me at the sixty-fifth encampment the honor of being unanimously elected senior vice commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is to you, my comrades, I wish to extend my thanks and deep appreciation for the confidence you placed in me at that encampment, and may God bless you all.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

OLEY NELSON,
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

OLEY NELSON

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

RUSSELL C. MARTIN

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Los Angeles, Calif., *July 25, 1932.*

W. F. Hambright,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic,

My Dear Comrade: I have the honor to present to you and through you to the Sixty-Sixth National Encampment my report as junior vice commander in chief for 1931–32. In performing the duties of this office during the year, I have contacted the western departments of our organization and have tried to be of such assistance as might appear necessary from time to time. This has brought me many invitations from our own members as well as to public meetings, which it has been my pleasure to accept. The interest of all war organizations as well as other patriotic societies in the Grand Army of the Republic is increasing.

I received notice from our commander in chief, Samuel P. Town, of the meeting of our national legislative committee in February of this year in Washington, D. C., with the numbers of the bills they recommended. I immediately corresponded with all the Senators and Representatives in the western and Pacific districts, urging them to support these bills, particularly for the increase in widows' pensions. I was surprised to learn from these letters the uniform support for this legislation. The answers were frank and positive; that they would support these bills whenever they came before the Congress for action. However, the financial condition of the country postponed any benefits for widows and our comrades at present and just when this deserved result can be obtained is uncertain.

I have little or no sympathy with those who are viewing with alarm some of the problems which are now on the trail just ahead, for those are mostly but the temporary and logical results of the too-rapid stride of development and inventions of science which are suddenly giving us more leisure than the present form of civilization can properly and thoughtfully digest. But it requires deep thought. sound reasoning and patient, trustful faith as against the dark forebodings of the doubters and trembling pessimists.

The western and pacific coast departments were highly honored by a visit from our commander in chief, Samuel P. Town and wife, accompanied by his allies, Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, national president Women's Relief Corps; her daughter, Doctor Atwood; her senior aide, Mrs. Marion Bleiler; and Mrs. Harriet J. Goetz, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. They arrived in San Francisco, May 12, where I met them. They spent that day in a tour of the city and were tendered an evening reception and banquet at the Whitcomb Hotel. May 13 Oakland entertained them with a drive about the city in the morning and lunch at Lake Merritt Hotel. In the afternoon they were driven about Berkeley and given

a reception at City Hall, returning to the station in Oakland for the evening train for Los Angeles.

Arriving in Los Angeles on May 14 they were met at the station by a reception committee and conducted to Patriotic Hall, where a grand reception by all the affiliated orders was given our distinguished visitors. In the evening a banquet at the Hotel Alexandria closed the day. May 15 the commander in chief and his party visited the National Military Home at Sawtelle in the forenoon and the Department Encampment of the California United Spanish War Veterans at Long Beach in the afternoon.

Monday, May 16, I drove Commander in Chief Town and wife and Mrs. Kate Reed Humphrey to San Diego, going down the Coast Highway, one of the most enjoyable rides in California. Our visitors remained at the encampment for four days, allowing our members one of the pleasantest encampments we have ever had. It was with extreme regret that we bade our visitors good-by and hoped they would come again.

The passing of the Grand Army approaches, the evening shadows deepen. The now weak, unsteady left flank of the greatest Army and Navy that ever battled for the Nation's honor are still surrounding their camp fires, feeding the fast dying embers with the love and veneration held for each other; this love deepening as the roll calls grow shorter and soon to end with the expiring breath of the last tired body of them all.

Every year they're marching slower,
Every year they're stooping lower,
  Every year the lilting music stirs the hearts of older men;
Every year the flags above them
Seem to bend and bless and love them,
  As if grieving for the future when they'll never march again.

With best wishes for your happiness and the good of our beloved order, I am,

Sincerely yours in F., C., and L.,

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

MATTOON, ILL., *August 1, 1932.*

W. F. HAMBRIGHT,
Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: My first activities in connection with the office was to meet the national officers and executive council of administration in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield in January, 1932. This was all voluntary on my part, as I was at home in my own State of Illinois. After finishing the transaction of their business, we were invited by the Department of Illinois for a 3-day entertainment in Chicago at the Sherman Hotel, and too much praise can not be given the department commander, James H. Campbell, and W. P. Wright, of the National Council of Administration, and past department commander of Illinois, for the delightful way in which they conducted the entertainment.

My first duty imposed upon me by my chief was to comply with the orders of the commander in chief and proceed to Cape Girardeau, Mo., to represent him at the Department of Missouri in their annual encampment, which detail I accept and remained with the Department of Missouri throughout their sessions, which were conducted in an admirable way.

Other pleasures were the entertainment of department officers and the national representatives by past presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Missouri, at breakfast, in the private dining room in the headquarters hotel, which was a delightful affair and presided over by the retiring president of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Missouri.

The next entertainment was given by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in honor of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and ably presided over by Mrs. Elizabeth Platt, department president.

The next grand affair was given by the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, which was a dinner to their fathers, and is an annual affair; delightful and enjoyed by the comrades.

The department commander, P. L. Swartz, and Capt. H. M. Anderson, past commander, were very enthusiastic in conducting the Campfire, all the numbers of which were carried out in a very patriotic way and it was a delightful entertainment for the general public.

As it is not my nature to be serious at all times, I beg to incorporate a little nonsense to my comrades in the following verses, which I append to my report:

Comrades, let me thump your chest,
Let me prescribe your food,
We are here for more than three score years and ten,
And there's not much more to the good.

Just live on garden sauce,
Seasoned up good and stout,
But leave the mule-meat out
For its reach is strong and stout,
And might bring on that same old kicking gout.
Now, if you have the courage and fortitude and pluck,
Just to stick to the same old garden truck,
Seasoned up as before,
But leave the "white mule" out
For its "kick" is strong and stout
And does more damage than the gout.
You may discard hard-tack,
They were mightly hard nuts to crack,
And might get your store teeth in a plight
Although you soak them over night.
You need no more quinine,
Just ignore the morning bugle call;
And beware of the disguise
On those sugar-coated little balls.
Now comrades, the good Lord willing, and you are able to go,
Meet me at the next encampment, for I'll be there, whether or no.
To take your pulse before you go to the Supreme Encampment
Far above and beyond the old camp ground
Under the great blue dome of Heaven;
But before you go be sure that you have the countersign,
If you have forgotten it, the good chaplain may be able to remind and invest you,
But I would admonish all to provide themselves
With their own passport.

I take this opportunity to thank my comrades of the national encampment for the honor they conferred in electing me to the office of surgeon general, and especially do I thank the Department of Pennsylvania for the solid vote of their delegation, for they were not aware at that time that they were voting for one of the old Keystone State Volunteers.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

S. A. Campbell, M. D., D. D. S.,
Surgeon General.

SAMUEL A. CAMPBELL
SURGEON GENERAL

JESSE B. BARTLEY
CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

Omaha, Nebr., *July 25, 1932.*

W. F. Hambright,

Adjutant General Grand Army of the Republic.

My Dear Comrade: When my comrades elected me to the office of chaplain in chief last September, I felt that I was very highly honored. I determined to show my high appreciation by devoting my time to the work that presented itself but could not foresee that my plans would be interferred with by the failure of my own health and the illness of my wife.

I participated in the services on Memorial Sunday and also on Memorial Day. I wrote each department chaplain, inclosing report blanks for him to fill out and return to me promptly. To these letters I have received but a small proportion of the 42 replies I expected. Because of this it has been impossible to submit a tabulated report which would be of any value.

Some of the reports gave complete information, but many were so incomplete they were of little help. This, I am sure, is not the fault of the department chaplains. Our comrades are all beginning to feel like myself, the infirmities of their age and do not want to be bothered with filling in statistics on any report.

I would have made a further effort to obtain the reports from the departments not heard from had not the unexpected death of my wife prevented my writing in time to forward my report to you. I am looking forward to meeting my comrades, particularly the chaplains, at the national encampment.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

Jesse B. Bartley, *Chaplain in Chief.*

REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

LANCASTER, PA., *August 10, 1932.*

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: Before entering into the statistics of my report I desire to express my appreciation of the honor of your appointment as your adjutant general during your term as commander in chief of our great and noble organization and to thank you for this recognition and appointment.

Reports from the assistant adjutants general of the 42 departments show that there has been the usual decrease in membership and consequently in income. This is shown by the consolidated reports of posts and by the following summary:

	Members	Posts
In good standing Dec. 31, 1930	16, 578	2, 040
Gains	457	18
Total	17, 035	2, 058
Losses by death	3, 173	----------
Losses by all other causes	796	----------
Total loss	3, 969	268
In good standing Dec. 31, 1931	13, 066	1, 790

It is interesting to note that the number "lost by all other causes than death," is approximately one-quarter of the number "lost by death." Loss by death we can not control, but it would seem as though, with a little urging by the assistant adjutants general, comrades in posts surrendering charters could be persuaded to become members at large, thus retaining their membership in our organization and the right to continue to wear the bronze button.

The correspondence this year has been heavy and has been answered as promptly as possible. Many of the letters received concerned pensions and after the meeting of the legislative committee in Washington, interest in pensions became greater and consequently the correspondence increased.

Six general orders have been issued during the year and in December Forms C and D were mailed to each department for the annual reports. In May three copies of credentials were sent to each department. Commissions were issued to aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief and I wish to here record our appreciation of the assistance given by Assistant Quartermaster General Barron, who wrote all the commissions.

I greatly enjoyed the privilege of going with you on your official visitations to several department encampments and receptions in your honor and was delighted to observe the wholehearted spirit of fraternity with which you were greeted everywhere. I regret that on account of physical disability I could not accompany you on your tour of the South, Northwest, and Pacific coast, but am glad to learn that you received a great ovation all along the line and that your coming in personal contact with, and sound advice to, the comrades, has endeared you to them and members of our allied organizations and awakened in them a renewed spirit of fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

Consolidated report of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic, showing gains and losses for the year ending December 31, 1931

Departments	Dec. 31, 1930		Dec. 31, 1931		Posts		Members	
	Posts	Members	Posts	Members	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss
Alabama	2	14	2	11				3
Arkansas	5	27	4	22		1		5
California and Nevada	71	1,470	67	1,162		4		308
Colorado and Wyoming	19	251	14	221		5		30
Connecticut	40	229	38	178		2		51
Delaware	3	20	3	19				1
Florida	8	175	8	184			9	
Georgia and South Carolina	2	9	3	11	1		2	
Idaho	9	71	9	73			2	
Illinois	165	1,341	151	1,047		14		294
Indiana	102	611	94	345		8		266
Iowa	107	884	69	652		38		232
Kansas	154	956	135	722		19		234
Kentucky	19	97	15	67		4		30
Louisiana and Mississippi	9	64	7	60		2		4
Maine	44	296	40	256		4		40
Maryland	8	95	6	66		2		29
Massachusetts	119	976	114	754		5		222
Michigan	95	651	87	546		8		105
Minnesota	76	406	73	350		3		56
Missouri	35	364	7	272		28		92
Montana	9	55	8	37		1		18
Nebraska	69	394	61	326		8		68
New Hampshire	22	93	16	77		6		16
New Jersey	29	222	25	179		4		43
New York	202	1,447	178	1,144		24		303
North Dakota	6	30	3	24		3		6
Ohio	173	1,540	164	1,190		9		350
Oklahoma	19	179	10	44		9		135
Oregon	26	330	22	284		4		46
Pennsylvania	154	1,632	142	1,428		12		204
Potomac	5	119	4	73		1		46
Rhode Island	17	105	16	87		1		18
South Dakota	17	77	17	61				16
Tennessee	4	26	5	30	1		4	
Texas	5	40	5	34				6
Utah	4	39	4	31				8
Vermont	35	150	11	54		24		96
Virginia and North Carolina	8	26	4	16		4		10
Washington and Alaska	29	371	32	307	3			64
West Virginia	9	121	9	102				19
Wisconsin	106	575	108	520	2			55
Aggregate	2,040	16,578	1,790	13,066	7	257	17	3,529
Net loss						250		3,512

I appreciate the willing cooperation of the assistant adjutants general of the various departments. All have done well, considering the age at which we all have arrived.

I have realized that you were very fortunate in securing the efficient services of Miss Katherine R. A. Flood as your secretary. Her past experience at headquarters, her system of indexing and filing and her knowledge of our rules has saved much time and research and enabled us to keep abreast of her clerical work. She has been very faithful and is to be commended.

I would feel remiss if I did not express appreciation of courtesy shown by the Department of Pennsylvania in furnishing us space in their headquarters in City Hall in Philadelphia. Here we have been furnished office furniture, heat, light, and telephone service without expense.

Here, too, we have had access to the war records of many States and were thus enabled to answer promptly the large number of letters which came to us asking for service records. There also came to us many inquiries for records which even the War Department could not furnish when we referred the letters to them. This proves how anxious people are in this day to prove some connection with the men who served in the Union Army. Many of the writers frankly stated they did not know whether their grandfather or other relative was in the Union Army but they thought he might have been and they were anxious to join one of the organizations affiliated with the Grand Army if they could prove eligibility. This contrasts strongly with the attitude of many of the sons and daughters of Union soldiers, who have reason to be proud of their fathers' records and can not be induced to affiliate with Grand Army organizations.

My dear commander in chief, I am very thankful for the opportunity of serving you. You have done your best for the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic and I hope I have assisted you to the best of my ability. Soon we will sever our official relations. I wish your future may be full of happiness and that you may continue your devotion to the Grand Army until " Taps " have sounded.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

W. F. Hambright,
Adjutant General.

W. F. HAMBRIGHT

ADJUTANT GENERAL

EDWARD HURLEY
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

REPORT OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Buffalo, N. Y., *August 10, 1932.*

Samuel P. Town,
Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Commander in Chief: I submit herewith the report of the quartermaster general for the term ending August 10, 1932.

Our receipts this year from our regular sources of revenue were wholly inadequate to meet our current expenses. Even with the donations that we received from our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Daughters of Veterans and Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, we were unable to take care of our requirements and were obliged to draw heavily upon the checking account of our permanent fund. With this additional assistance we came through very well and our records show a balance of cash on hand at this time of $3,625.64, of which $953.03 belongs to the general fund, and $2,672.61 in our southern memorial fund.

The members of the Woman's Relief Corps have again shown their fine spirit of willingness to assist us in our works of mercy and charity, and under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Flo Jamison Miller, national secretary, assumed the entire responsibility on Memorial Day of looking after the graves of our deceased comrades who are buried in the cemeteries of the Southland. It is needless to say that the work was well and satisfactorily done and we express to these good women our heartfelt gratitude.

And now, my dear commander, allow me to congratulate you most sincerely on the splendid success of your administration. The members of every department of the Grand Army of the Republic that you were able to visit received you with feelings of deepest respect and admiration, and you have inspired each one of us with the determination to carry on to the end, with renewed vigor, the glorious principles for which our organization stands.

I thank you for the kindness and courtesy which you have extended to me during the term, and with the hope that the future may hold many years of happiness for you and for our associate officers and comrades throughout the land, believe me,

Respectfully yours in F., C., and L.,

Edward Hurley,
Quartermaster General.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Transcript of books, August 1, 1931, to December 5, 1931

Cash balance in all funds as reported to the Sixty-fifth National Encampment		$3,977.36
Subsequent receipts:		
Sale of supplies	$35.90	
Refund of unexpended balance of funds sent to Mrs. Flo Jamison Miller to be used by the Woman's Relief Corps for Memorial Day purposes	77.19	
Woman's Relief Corps	1,000.00	
Daughters of Union Veterans	800.00	
Sons of Union Veterans' Auxiliary	500.00	
Travelers' checks purchased with supplemental check No. 13 for possible national encampment expenses. These checks were not used, and were deposited in M. & T. Trust account	250.00	
		2,663.09
Total		6,640.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Travel	502.39	
Salaries	391.74	
Expenses	1,304.29	
Check of Woman's Relief Corps charged back to our account by M. & T. Trust Co., this check being involved in the failure of First National Bank of Hastings, Nebr., on which the check was drawn	1,000.00	
Travelers' checks purchased by quartermaster general	250.00	
		3,448.42
Balance		3,192.03
To be credited as follows:		
General fund	519.42	
Southern memorial fund	2,672.61	
		3,192.03

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Statement of disbursements, August 1, to December 5, 1931, by Edward Hurley, quartermaster general

Date	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salaries	Expense	General fund
Aug. 10	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general: Salary for July		$25. 00		
	Postage for July			$5. 00	
	Pierson & McCandless, printing letterheads for commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, chief of staff			15. 75	
31	Mary S. Jewel, secretary to commander in chief: Salary for August		150. 00		
	A. L. Emigh, adjutant general: Salary for August		100. 00		
	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general: Salary for August		41. 74		
	Expenses for August, including rent, phone, postage, and additional charges on identification certificates			42. 00	
Sept. 1	A. L. Emigh, adjutant general: Office expenses, August			22. 17	
	Oley Nelson, chief of staff: Expenses incurred in connection with arrangements to be made for national encampment to be held in September, 1931	$24. 00		37. 50	
	The Fort Morgan Times: 700 copies of roll of encampment			128. 00	
2	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general: Salary for August		25. 00		
4	James E. Jewel, commander in chief: On account of traveling expenses of office staff to Des Moines	200. 00			
	The Morgan County Herald: Printing 500 copies of list of commanders			9. 50	
	Printing 700 copies of address of commander in chief and reports of national officers			226. 00	
	Samuel R. Van Sant: Stenographic work, May, July, and August			6. 35	
9	James E. Jewel, commander in chief: New York draft presented as testimonial to retiring commander in chief			500. 00	
	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general: Travelers' checks purchased to defray possible expenses at national encampment. (These checks were not used.) Deposited to credit of G. A. R. account in M. E. Trust Co., Sept. 23, 1931				$250. 00
28	Wallace-Homestead Co.: 1,000 General Orders No. 5			11. 00	
Oct. 22	Stoner-McCray System: Forty-two 5 by 12 cards on 6-foot staffs, placed in hall for encampment			21. 00	

Statement of disbursements, August 1, to December 5, 1931, by Edward Hurley, quartermaster general—Continued

Date	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salaries	Expense	General fund
Oct. 24	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general: Expenses of quartermaster-general and secretary to Des Moines and return—railroad fares, $63.40; Pullman fares, $34.22; meals and incidentals, $22.77	120. 39			
Nov. 4	Ell Torrance: Stenographic service August, 1931, per bill of Katharine Wallace			4. 00	
	Frank C. Walrath:				
	Services reporting proceedings of Sixty-fifth National Encampment at Des Moines, Iowa, and furnishing transcript of same			200. 00	
	Furnishing reporter for committee on resolutions			5. 00	
25	James E. Jewel, commander in chief:				
	Expenses paid in connection with national encampment, as follows—				
	A. L. Emigh, adjutant general, railroad fares, sleepers, meals, etc	35. 00			
	J. B. Farnsworth, assistant to Adjutant General Emigh, railroad fares, sleepers, meals, etc	40. 00			
	Dr. H. C. Kephart, railroad fares, sleepers, meals, etc	45. 00			
	Mary S. Jewel, secretary to commander in chief, railroad fares, sleepers, meals, incidentals, etc	38. 00			
	Express charges on trunk and boxes from Fort Morgan to Des Moines			20. 43	
	Salary to J. B. Farnsworth, assistant to Adjutant General Emigh, Sept. 1–17		50. 00		
	Expenses of office of Adjutant General Emigh, Sept. 1–25			25. 59	
Dec. 5	Rev. Dr. H. C. Kephart: Services at memorial meeting, Des Moines, Iowa			25. 00	
	Check of Woman's Relief Corps, involved in failure of First National Bank at Hastings, Nebr.—charged back to G. A. R. account by M. & T. Trust Co., Buffalo				1, 000. 00
	Total	502. 39	391. 74	1, 304. 29	1, 250. 00

ACCOUNT CURRENT

Cash received for term ending Aug. 10, 1932:		
Balance in all funds as reported in the Supplemental Report dated Dec. 5, 1931—		
General Fund	$519.42	
Southern Memorial Fund	2,672.61	
		$3,192.03
Subsequent receipts:		
Sale of supplies	362.81	
Per capita tax	324.71	
Woman's Relief Corps	2,000.00	
Permanent fund checking account	7,000.00	
Interest on bank deposits to July 1, 1932	47.07	
Refund from New York Telephone Co	.48	
Dividend received on check of Woman's Relief Corps involved in failure of First National Bank at Hastings, Nebr	250.00	
Refund from Comrade Charles E. Nason on account of traveling expenses paid in error	148.28	
		10,133.35
		13,325.38
Cash paid out for term ending Aug. 10, 1932:		
Supplies	186.05	
Per capita tax	26.14	
Travel	2,738.84	
Salaries	4,000.00	
Expenses	1,498.71	
Woman's Relief Corps refund of dividend received on their check involved in failure of First National Bank at Hastings, Nebr., which they had made good to the G. A. R	250.00	
Southern Memorial Fund	1,000.00	
		9,699.74
Total in all funds Aug. 10, 1932		3,625.64
To be credited as follows:		
General fund	953.03	
Southern Memorial Fund	2,672.61	
		3,625.64

Statement of total number of posts and membership, sale of supplies, per capita tax, Southern Memorial Fund, interest, etc., for term ending August 10, 1932.

Departments	Posts	Members	Supplies	Per capita tax	General fund	Southern Memorial Fund
Alabama	2	11	------	$0.39	------	------
Arkansas	4	22	------	.54	------	------
California and Nevada	67	1,162	$23.08	23.24	------	------
Colorado and Wyoming	14	221	15.41	7.73	------	------
Connecticut	38	178	------	3.56	------	------
Delaware	3	19	------	1.00	------	------
Florida	8	184	6.85	5.04	------	------
Georgia and South Carolina	3	11	------	.39	------	------
Idaho	9	73	1.00	1.46	------	------
Illinois	151	1,047	13.35	41.88	------	------
Indiana	94	345	17.50	6.90	------	------
Iowa	69	652	28.62	22.83	------	------
Kansas	135	722	1.00	14.44	------	------
Kentucky	15	67	.10	1.34	------	------
Louisiana and Mississippi	7	60	4.00	6.40	------	------
Maine	40	256	------	8.96	------	------
Maryland	6	66	------	1.52	------	------

Statement of total number of posts and membership, sale of supplies, per capita tax, Southern Memorial Fund, interest, etc., for term ending August 10, 1932—Con.

Departments	Posts	Members	Supplies	Per capita tax	General fund	Southern Memorial Fund
Massachusetts	114	754	10. 95	15. 08		
Michigan	87	546	2. 00	10. 92		
Minnesota	73	350	3. 75	7. 00		
Missouri	7	272	4. 00	9. 52		
Montana	8	37		1. 30		
Nebraska	61	326	2. 15	6. 52		
New Hampshire	16	77	1. 95	1. 54		
New Jersey	25	179	1. 00	3. 58		
New York	178	1, 144		22. 88		
North Dakota	3	24		. 48		
Ohio	164	1, 190	4. 25	23. 80		
Oklahoma	10	44		1. 54		
Oregon	22	284	1. 50	5. 80		
Pennsylvania	142	1, 428	17. 00	28. 56		
Potomac	4	73		2. 56		
Rhode Island	16	87	1. 70	1. 74		
South Dakota	17	61		1. 22		
Tennessee	5	30		. 98		
Texas	5	34	1. 00	1. 19		
Utah	4	31		. 62		
Vermont	11	54	. 50	1. 89		
Virginia and North Carolina	4	16		. 71		
Washington and Alaska	32	307	5. 00	7. 42		
West Virginia	9	102		2. 04		
Wisconsin	108	520	13. 15	18. 20		
Aides de Camp			154. 50			
Woman's Relief Corps					$1, 000. 00	$1, 000. 00
Permanent fund checking account					7, 000. 00	
Interest on bank deposits to July 1, 1932					47. 07	
Refund from Charles E. Nason account traveling expenses paid in error					148. 28	
Refund from New York Telephone Co					. 48	
Dividend from Nebraska Bank on check of Woman's Relief Corps					250. 00	
Joseph K. Davison's Sons for purchase of 5 pieces of flag ribbon			27. 50			
Total	1, 790	13, 066	362. 81	324. 71	8, 445. 83	1, 000. 00

Statement of disbursements for term ending August 10, 1932, by Edward Hurley, Quartermaster General

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Per capita tax	Travel	Salaries	Expenses	So. Mem. Fund	General fund
1931									
Oct. 24	1	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general:							
		Office rent, October					$25. 00		
		Telephone service, Sept. 26 to Oct. 25, 1931					4. 75		
	2	John R. King, expenses incurred representing the commander in chief at Yorktown celebration			$28. 75				
	3	The Stewart & Steen, 7,000 letterheads					69. 30		
	4	American Surety Co., premium on bond of quartermaster general					12. 50		
Nov. 4	5	Samuel P. Town, commander in chief, miscellaneous bills as follows:							
		Express charges					25. 83		
		Postage, September to October					10. 00		
		Clerical services, September and October, Miss Anna Wise				$50. 00			
		Pierson & McCandless, printers					69. 50		
	6	W. F. Hambright, adjutant general, salary for October				100. 00			
	7	Jacob Barron, assistant quartermaster general:							
		Salary for October				25. 00			
		Postage, September and October					10. 00		
	8	Wagner & Taylor Co., insurance premium on blanks, books, etc., in national headquarters, Philadelphia					3. 00		
	9	Joseph K. Davison's Sons, 8 aides' badges	$2. 40						
	10	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general, salary, September to October				83. 32			
14	11	Morgan Floral Co., wreath for funeral of Past Adjutant General A. L. Emigh					10. 00		
Dec. 1	12	W. F. Hambright, adjutant general:							
		Salary, November				100. 00			
		Premium on bond of adjutant general					2. 50		

Statement of disbursements for term ending August 10, 1932, by Edward Hurley, Quartermaster General—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Per capita tax	Travel	Salaries	Expenses	So. Mem. Fund	General fund
1931									
Dec. 1	13	Samuel P. Town, commander in chief:							
		Filing cabinet					$7. 50		
		Office supplies					8. 00		
		Telegrams					1. 80		
		Postage					14. 00		
		Pierson & McCandless, printers, letterheads					50. 00		
	14	Underwood Typewriter Co., ribbon and repairs to typewriter					13. 50		
	15	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary:							
		Salary, November				$150. 00			
		Railroad fare and Pullman, Newton to Philadelphia			$16. 15				
		Excess baggage charges on trunks			4. 34				
		Transfer charges			3. 50				
	16	Jacob Barron, assistant quartermaster general, salary for November				25. 00			
	17	Jos. K. Davison's Sons:							
		8 stars and sewing 8 badges	$2. 40						
		250 rank straps	62. 50						
	18	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general:							
		Salary for November				41. 66			
		Steel cabinet for filing records					20. 00		
		Expenses, moving office to city hall					11. 00		
		Office supplies, postage, etc					11. 50		
	19	Agnes P. McKibbin, secretary to quartermaster general, salary, September, October, and November				75. 00			
1	20	Pierson & McCandless, printers:							
		1,000 envelopes					10. 00		
		2,500 countersigns					12. 50		
		5,000 general orders No. 2					95. 00		
	21	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, 200 aide-de-camp badges	110. 00						

10	22	Pierson & McCandless, printers:							
		250 voucher checks					11. 75		
		500 aides-de-camp appointments	8. 75						
		1,000 envelopes					9. 25		
28	23	Jacob Barron, assistant quartermaster general:							
		Salary, December				25. 00			
		Office postage					5. 00		
	24	W. F. Hambright, adjutant general:							
		Salary, December				100. 00			
		Office expenses, December, postage, supplies, etc					17. 00		
	25	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for December				150. 00			
	26	Agnes P. McKibbin, secretary to quartermaster general, salary for December				25. 00			
	27	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general, salary for December				41. 66			
30	28	Pierson & McCandless, rpinters, printing for 300 credentials of membership, 2 sides, 6 pages					45. 00		
1932									
Jan. 6	29	Samuel P. Town, commander in chief, traveling expenses			300. 00				
25	30	William P. Wright, member executive committee, expenses attending meeting at Springfield, Jan. 13–15			17. 85				
	31	L. F. Arensberg, member executive committee, expenses attending meeting at Springfield, Ill., Jan. 12–18			72. 40				
	32	W. F. Hambright, Adjutant general:							
		Expenses, Lancaster, Pa., Springfield, Ill., Chicago, Ill., and Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 12–20			40. 75				
		Salary for January				100. 00			
		Office supplies, postage, telegrams, etc					14. 10		
	33	David N. Foster, member executive committee, expenses attending meeting at Springfield and Chicago, Ill., Jan. 12–18			35. 78				
	34	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for January				150. 00			

Statement of disbursements for term ending August 10, 1932, by Edward Hurley, Quartermaster General—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Per capita tax	Travel	Salaries	Expenses	So. Mem. Fund	General fund
1932									
Jan. 25	35	Jacob Barron, assistant quartermaster general, salary for January				$25.00			
	36	Samuel P. Town, commander in chief, traveling expenses			$300.00				
	37	Agnes P. McKibbin, secretary to quartermaster general, salary for January				25.00			
	38	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general: Expenses attending meeting at Springfield, Ill., Jan. 12–18			73.41				
		Salary for January				41.66			
		Office postage					$5.00		
30	39	Pierson & McCandless, printers, 500 gummed labels and printing					4.75		
	40	Oley Nelson, senior vice commander in chief, expenses attending meeting at Springfield, Ill., Jan. 12–18			75.07				
Feb. 9	41	Thomas W. Price Co., 200 mailing tubes					8.00		
	42	John R. King, chairman legislative committee, expenses for visits to Washington in connection with introduction of pension bills and in attendance at meetings of legislative committee in Washington, Feb. 1–4			50.25				
	43	Edwin J. Foster, member legislative committee, expenses attending meeting of legislative committee, Lakeland, Fla., to Washington and return			127.85				
10	44	Alfred E. Stacey, member legislative committee, expenses attending meeting of legislative committee, Elbridge, N. Y., to Washington and return			68.57				
25	45	Jacob Barron, assistant quartermaster general, salary for February				25.00			

Feb. 25	46	W. F. Hambright, adjutant general: Salary for February				100. 00			
		Office expenses, postage, supplies, telegrams, etc					15. 24		
	47	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for February				150. 00			
	48	Agnes P. McKibbin, secretary to quartermaster general, salary for February				25. 00			
	49	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general, salary for February				41. 66			
Mar. 12	50	Pierson & McCandless, printers, 500 envelopes					3. 75		
	51	Mazey, Florists, (Inc.,) wreath for funeral of Past Commander in Chief Torrance					15. 00		
	52	Flo Jamison Miller, national secretary W. R. C., for distribution of Southern memorial fund for Memorial Day purposes among the departments of the G. A. R. of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia and Soouth Carolina, Louisiana and Missisippi, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and North Carolina						$1, 000. 00	
28	53	Samuel P. Town, commander in chief, advance traveling expenses			500. 00				
	54	W. F. Hambright, adjutant general: Salary for March				100. 00			
		Office expenses for supplies, postage, telegrams and shipping postage on General Orders No. 3					27. 90		
	55	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for March				150. 00			
	56	Jacob Barron, assistant quartermaster general, salary for March				25. 00			
	57	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general, salary for March				41. 67			
	58	Agnes P. McKibbin, secretary to quartermaster general, salary for March				25. 00			
Apr. 4	59	James C. Thomas, assistant quartermaster general, Department of Illinois, refund of per capita tax, also paid by Illinois department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War		$20. 94					

Statement of disbursements for term ending August 10, 1932, by Edward Hurley, Quartermaster General—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Per capita tax	Travel	Salaries	Expenses	So. Mem. Fund	General fund
1932									
Apr. 4	60	Walter M. Maas & Co., wreath for funeral of Past Commander in Chief Walsh					$10. 00		
6	61	Pierson & McCandless, printers, 5,500 General Orders No. 3					105. 00		
9	62	Pierson & McCandless, printers:							
		5,500 General Orders No. 4					101. 00		
		Imprinting on credentials and folding three times					9. 50		
19	63	James E. Jewel, past commander in chief:							
		Editing journal of sixty-fifth national encampment					200. 00		
		Postage					4. 50		
27	64	W. F. Hambright, adjutant general:							
		Salary for April				$100. 00			
		Office expense, including postage on General Orders No. 4, office supplies, telegrams, and office postage					28. 48		
	65	Jacob Barron, assistant quartermaster general:							
		Salary for April				25. 00			
		Postage					5. 00		
	66	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for April				150. 00			
	67	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general, salary for April				41. 66			
27	68	Agnes P. McKibbin, secretary to quartermaster general, salary for April				25. 00			
	69	Samuel P. Town, commander in chief, advance traveling expenses			$500. 00				
May 13	70	Edwin J. Foster, past commander in chief, expenses attending Connecticut Department Encampment, as representative of commander in chief			12. 46				

20	71	John Pierce, assistant quartermaster general of Department of Louisiana and Mississippi; refund of overpayment on per capita tax		$5. 20				
23	72	E. H. Cowan, surgeon general, representing commander in chief at Texas and Oklahoma Department Encampments, expenses from Dallas, Tex., to San Antonio and return, and from Dallas to El Reno, Okla., and return			42. 00			
25	73	W. F. Hambright, adjutant general: Salary for May				100. 00		
		Office expense for postage, supplies					21. 82	
	74	Jacob Barron, assistant quartermaster general, salary for May				25. 00		
	75	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for May				150. 00		
	76	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general, salary for May				41. 66		
	77	Agnes P. McKibbin, secretary to quartermaster general, salary for May				25. 00		
31	78	Pierson & McCandless, printers: 500 envelopes					3. 75	
		100 letterheads (Foster, legislative committee)					1. 50	
		500 letterheads, national headquarters					3. 50	
June 24	79	Joseph B. Henninger, sr., aide de camp, expenses to Louisville, Ky., representing commander in chief at Kentucky encampment, Apr. 26–28			15. 00			
	80	Samuel A. Campbell, surgeon general, expenses to Cape Girardeau, Mo., representing commander in chief at Missouri encampment, May 8–13			48. 76			
27	81	W. F. Hambright, adjutant general: Salary for June				100. 00		
		Office expense for June					11. 80	
	82	Jacob Barron, assistant quartermaster general, salary for June				25. 00		
	83	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for June				150. 00		
	84	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general, salary for June				41. 67		
	85	Agnes P. McKibbin, secretary to quartermaster general, salary for June				25. 00		

Statement of disbursements for term ending August 10, 1932, by Edward Hurley, Quartermaster General—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Per capita tax	Travel	Salaries	Expenses	So. Mem. Fund	General fund
1932									
July 12	86	The Thomas W. Price Co., mailing tubes					$4. 00		
	87	L. F. Arensberg, past commander in chief:							
		Representing commander in chief at West Virginia Department Encampment, June 7–9			$6. 75				
		Representing commander in chief at Ohio Department Encampment, June 13–15			11. 45				
	88	Oley Nelson, senior vice commander in chief, representing commander in chief at department encampments: Kansas, May 9–13; Iowa, June 5–7; Illinois, June 7–9; Wisconsin, June 13–15			143. 75				
20	89	Ira R. Wildman, inspector general, expenses of trip to Springfield, Vt., as representative of commander in chief			44. 00				
	90	Pierson & McCandless, printers, 500 envelopes					3. 75		
25	91	Edna E. Pauley, national treasurer, Woman's Relief Corps, refund to Woman's Relief Corps of dividend received from closed Nebraska Bank on $1,000 check which Woman's Relief Corps made good							$250. 00
27	92	W. F. Hambright, adjutant general:							
		Salary for July				$100. 00			
		Express charges on railroad certificates from Chicago					4. 80		
		Postage and supplies					20. 10		
	93	Jacob Barron, assistant quartermaster general:							
		Salary for July				25. 00			
		Office expenses, postage, etc					5. 00		
	94	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for July				150. 00			
	95	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general:							
		Salary for July				41. 67			
		Office expenses for July					5. 00		

27	96	Agnes P. McKibbin, secretary to quartermaster general, salary for July				25.00			
Aug. 6	97	Western Passenger Association, 30,000 identification certificates for national encampment, 18–23					98.77		
8	98	W. F. Hambright, adjutant general: Salary for balance of term				200.00			
		Office expenses, supplies, and postage					25.72		
	99	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for balance of term				300.00			
	100	Jacob Barron, assistant quartermaster general, salary for balance of term				50.00			
	101	Edward Hurley, quartermaster general, salary for balance of term				41.71			
	102	Agnes P. McKibbin, secretary to quartermaster general, salary for balance of term				25.00			
	103	Samuel P. Town, commander in chief, traveling expenses			200.00				
10	104	Pierson & McCandless, printers: 5,500 general orders No. 5					135.00		
		300 department commanders and assistant adjutants general					11.50		
	105	Government tax on checks					.30		
		Total	$186.05	$26.14	2,738.84	4,000.00	1,498.71	$1,000.00	250.00

SUMMARY

Supplies	$186.05	Southern Memorial fund	$1,000.00
Per capita tax	26.14	General fund	250.00
Travel	2,738.84		
Salaries	4,000.00	Total	9,699.74
Expenses	1,498.71		

Supplies on hand, purchased, and remaining on hand for the year ending June 30, 1932

	On hand June 30, 1931	Purchased as per contract	To be accounted for	Issued	On hand June 30, 1932
Rules and regulations	1, 271		1, 271	16	1, 255
Rituals	49		49	33	16
Officers' cards	565		565		565
Service books	228		228	42	186
Odes	850		850		850
Applications	783		783	30	753
Leaves of absence	721		721		721
Transfers	1, 336		1, 336		1, 336
Discharges	676		676		676
Post charters	158		158	3	155
Descriptive books	40		40		40
Blue books	13		13	1	12
Badges	625	200	825	387	438
Rank straps	477	250	727	116	611
Buttons	954		954	571	383
Ribbons	53. 6		53. 6	[1] 6. 6	47
Electrotypes	23		23	1	22
Comrades at large certificates	760		760	31	729
Repairing of badges		$2. 40			
Cost	$299. 15	$174. 90	$474. 05	$372. 11	$101. 94

[1] Pieces.

JACOB BARRON

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL AND CUSTODIAN

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS

PHILADELPHIA, PA., *July 25, 1932.*

COMRADE W. F. HAMBRIGHT,
Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE HAMBRIGHT: I have the honor to submit my report as assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records.

I have purchased all supplies and forwarded all requisitions made by the several departments, during the year, under the supervision of the quartermaster general, full schedules of which will appear in the report of quartermaster general together with the amount of supplies remaining on hand.

There have been printed and distributed to the several departments the following "free blanks":

Forms A and B (report of adjutant and quartermaster)	5,351
Form C (report of assistant adjutant general, detail)	0
Form C (report of assistant adjutant general, consolidated)	98
Form D (report of assistant quartermaster general)	98
Form E–2 (report of department inspector)	0
Form H (report of post inspector)	0
Form I (requisitions for supplies)	191
Report of post chaplain	1,583
Report of department chaplain	89
Report of post patriotic instructor	1,500
Report of department patriotic instructor	47
Credentials of members	126
Amendments to rules and regulations	16

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the commander in chief and to convey to you and Quartermaster General Edward Hurley my thanks for the courtesies extended to me during the year.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

JACOB BARRON,
Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian of Records.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PERMANENT FUND

Account of Dr. Louis F. Arensberg, treasurer of the permanent fund Grand Army of the Republic for period July 14, 1931 to August 9, 1932

SECURITIES ON DEPOSIT WITH THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH

1932			
Aug. 9.	City of New York corporate stock bonds 4½'s 1957	$17,000.00	
	City of Philadelphia municipal loan 4 per cent due serially	9,800.00	
	Duquesne Club 5.6 per cent mortgage	1,500.00	
	Total investments		$28,300.00

RECEIPTS

1931			
July 14.	To balance of cash on hand with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh		2,199.74
Aug. 20.	To interest city of Cleveland bonds	$90.00	
Sept. 12.	To interest Henry M. Flaherty mortgage	45.00	
Nov. 2.	To interest city of New York bonds	382.50	
21.	To interest sale of Leffler mortgage	83.40	
21.	To principal sale of Leffler mortgage as per revocation notice	4,000.00	
1932			
Jan. 2.	To interest city of Philadelphia bonds	196.00	
Apr. 29.	To interest sale of Flaherty mortgage 7 months 18 days interest on $1,500	57.00	
May 2.	To interest city of New York bonds	382.50	
June 30.	To interest city of Philadelphia bonds	50.00	
July 1.	To interest city of Philadelphia bonds	146.00	
	To interest on daily cash balances	65.33	
			5,497.73
			7,697.47

DISBURSEMENTS

1931			
Dec. 29.	Check drawn against account	$2,000.00	
1932			
Feb. 5.	Check drawn against account	2,000.00	
13.	Check drawn against account	12.50	
July 14.	Check drawn against account	3,000.02	
	Accrued interest on purchase of Leffler mortgage	29.40	
	Accrued interest on purchase of Duquesne Club mortgage	2.80	
	By 5 per cent commission of the Union Trust Co. for collection of interest	70.02	
			7,114.74
Aug. 9.	Cash balance on deposit with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh		582.73

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

LEWIS S. PILCHER,
JNO. R. KING,
Trustees.
LOUIS F. ARENSBERG,
Trustee and Treasurer.

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, depository for the trustees of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic hereby certifies that the foregoing annual statement to August 9, 1932, showing $28,300 in securities and $582.72 cash on deposit with this company, is correct.

THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH,
By A. O. ELIAS, *Assistant Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

BROKEN BOW, NEBR., *July 28, 1932.*

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: I submit herewith my report as judge advocate general. I was called upon by you to render an official opinion on the proceedings of a post where the commander was ill and not physically able to perform the duties of his office. At a meeting of the post the senior vice commander of the post feeling that he could not fill the office of commander of the post offered a motion that the post elect a temporary commander to serve until such time as the regularly elected commander would be able to assume the duties of his office. The junior vice commander being present, objected to the motion. The motion was voted on by the post and declared "carried."

My official opinion rendered was that the action of the post was void. The regularly elected junior vice commander was the proper person to fill the office of post commander until such time as the commander should be able to assume the duties of his office, the senior vice commander not wishing to act.

I have received the following from the Department of Ohio and have officially answered:

Question. Has the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic ever adopted a resolution, or taken any action that would entitle the Sons of Union Veterans to claim they are the legal successors of the Grand Army?

Answer. No such action has ever been taken. The Grand Army of the Republic will have no successor.

Question. Has any action by the national organization been taken by which they could make legal claim to the property, both personal and real of disbanded Grand Army posts?

Answer. No such action has ever been taken.

Question. When the last member of a Grand Army of the Republic post dies, the post not having previously disbanded, nor disposed of its money or other property in its possession, and a fund or other property is left, to whom does this fund and property legally belong?

Answer. The funds and property revert to the State department. I would suggest that all records of the post and the flag be placed in the public library to perpetuate the history of the post.

Question. At an encampment of the Department of Ohio (1927) a resolution was adopted, providing that the Sons of Union Veterans continue, after the Grand Army is no more, to carry on as the successors of the Grand Army, the observance of Memorial Day. Would that resolution be binding upon our department, or would it have to be ratified by the national encampment to make it effective?

Answer. Resolution would not be binding.

Personally, I hope the Sons of Union Veterans will take the lead in perpetuating the observance of Memorial Day when the Grand Army of the Republic lives only in history.

I sincerely hope my opinions have been helpful to my comrades. As the sunset comes nearer comrades are more lenient toward the opinions of others and not many controversial questions arise. Comrades, while we are permitted by a kind Providence to remain in this life, let us give our best efforts to increase the glory of the history of the Grand Army of the Republic, that the world may be better because of our lives and sacrifice. Remember, that the value of life is measured by service; service to home, to all mankind, and to God. Let us live so that our lives, measured by this standard, will be 100 per cent.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

JOHN REESE,
Judge Advocate General.

JOHN REESE
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

IRA D. WILDMAN
INSPECTOR GENERAL

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

DANBURY, CONN., *July 30, 1932.*

W. F. HAMBRIGHT,
Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: Some time ago I told you I would make a report of my official doings before the first of August and with little material at hand I submit my report.

I have had but two reports from department inspectors officially, Oregon and New York, and have letters from several who have comrades aspiring for recognition in the national encampment. I have the assurance that theirs is the best within our environs, their comrades the best and brainiest that took part in the struggle that saved our Nation, and if given opportunity they will lead us on to new victories.

In my own department, our inspector was mustered out yesterday and to-morrow we lay him to rest in his little green tent. His loss will be the most severe that could befall us; a past department commander of wonderful ability, retentive memory, a good story teller, James R. Young will be missed at our camp fires.

When I received from Commander in Chief Town the appointment of inspector general I was thrilled, for it carried me back 40 years, when I was appointed department inspector and visited the 80 posts of this little Commonwealth and was received with the honors of a commanding general, and now we have but three posts that hold a semblance of a meeting.

My only visit outside the State was to Springfield, Vt., at their sixty-fifth annual encampment, June 27–28, with 22 comrades present. The Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons and Daughters of Civil War Veterans, and the Auxiliary of the Sons met at the same time. I represented the commander in chief and was loyally and royally received.

Fraternally yours in F., C., and L.,

IRA R. WILDMAN,
Inspector General.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

SEATTLE, WASH., *July 19, 1932.*

W. F. HAMBRIGHT,
Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I have the honor as national patriotic instructor of the Grand Army of the Republic, to submit the following as a brief summary of my official year's work, only in part a report of my own personal activities, but more a report of patriotic conditions. It may be just to myself to say that I have emphasized at every opportunity, public and private, the importance of patriotism to the vitality of the Nation. As a result of this and the activities of all patriotic organizations, we are happy to know that the colors are in evidence everywhere. Flag presentations are of daily occurrence and anniversaries are looked forward to with a great deal of interest and observed with appropriate ceremonies. Of these, the Fourth of July, Washington's Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day, and Armistice Day are the leading anniversaries. We are encouraged by the belief that the patriotic ball will continue to roll when the Grand Army of the Republic is consigned to the ages.

In addition to our national anniversaries, the Americanization schools and clubs are of great patriotic importance and are generally encouraged. It is pleasing to note the anxiety of our foreign-born citizens to be informed as to the fundamental principles of our Government.

We have emphasized the fact that the true measure of a patriot is an unwavering respect for and obedience to our Constitution and laws.

All the facts warrant me in saying that this is a season of unusual patriotic enthusiasm. The truly patriotic people are more ardently patriotic, due to the fact that some seem dissatisfied with existing conditions, which can not be offered as an objection to our republican form of Government. Our confidence is, that time can be trusted to right all wrongs.

The annual visit of Commander Town and his beloved wife, together with the national officers of our auxiliaries, will always be a fountain of cherished memories to the patriotic people of the great Northwest and Pacific coast, especially Seattle, appropriately styled the "city of perennial roses." The reception and banquets were patriotically inspiring. We noted with supreme pleasure the impressive words of our first lady in the Grand Army of the Republic, together with those of her husband, Commander Town, and others.

Looking forward with interest to meeting you all in the home city of that great benefactor, Abraham Lincoln, I subscribe myself

Yours in F., C., and L.,

JOHN F. PICKERILL,
National Patriotic Instructor.

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NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

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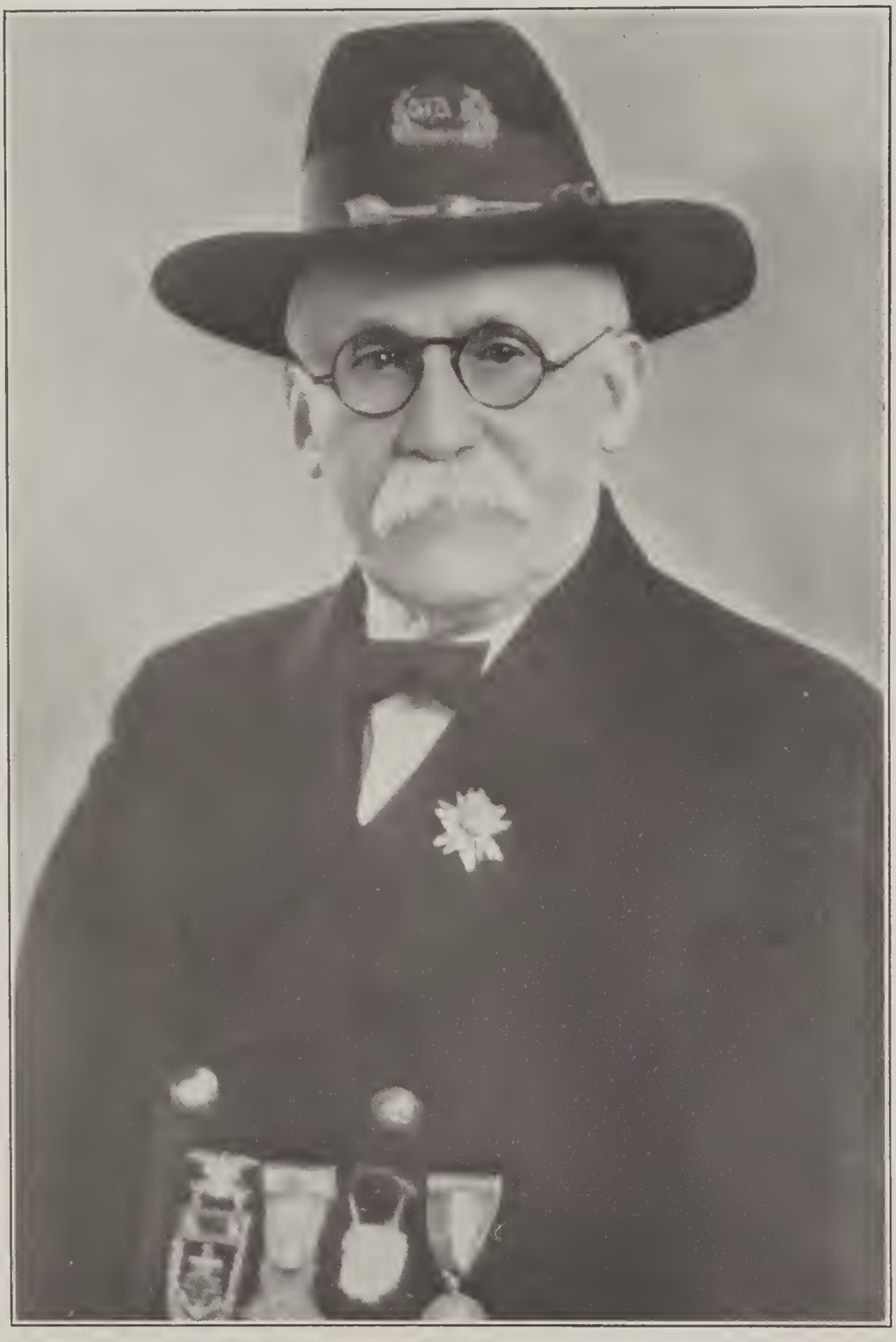

FRED A. BURT

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

PROVIDENCE, R. I., *July 22, 1932.*

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE: I appreciate highly the honor conferred upon me in my appointment as a member of your staff. I have stood ready at all times to perform such duties as I should be called upon to do.

Anticipating the duties in connection with the sixty-sixth national encampment and wishing you success in your administration.

Very sincerely yours in F., C., and L.,

FRED A. BURT,
Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

PORTLAND, ME., *July 23, 1932.*

W. F. HAMBRIGHT.
Adjutant General Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I herewith submit my report as national chief of staff of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It was a surprise, and I esteemed it a great honor, to be appointed chief of staff by our commander in chief, and I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to him, for the very courteous and kindly treatment he has shown me since my appointment.

It was my privilege to attend the State encampment of Massachusetts in company with the commander in chief, and the occasion was, as usual, a very enjoyable one, and due respect was paid to our beloved commander, as was his due. I also had the privilege of entertaining our commander in chief at the annual encampment of the Department of Maine, held at Rockland, Me., the week of June 13. Aside from this I have had no official duties to perform, and I will submit a further report after the national encampment at Springfield, Ill.

With thanks to all members of the organization for the courteous treatment I have received from them, I am

Yours respectfully in F., C., and L.,

C. E. NASON,
National Chief of Staff.

CHARLES E. NASON
CHIEF OF STAFF

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JOSEPH B. HENNINGER
SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP

REPORT OF SENIOR AIDE DE CAMP

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *July 18, 1932.*

COMRADE W. F. HAMBRIGHT,
Adjutant General Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE HAMBRIGHT: I have the honor of submitting the following report:

It was my good fortune to be appointed by Commander in Chief Samuel P. Town to represent him at the State encampment of Kentucky, which was held at Louisville, April 26 and 27, which honor I highly appreciated and greatly enjoyed the duty.

I found them a genial group of Grand Army comrades; many of them feeble in body, but mentally alert; as loyal and patriotic as the day they enlisted under the folds of Old Glory and took up arms in defense of our Republic. They all expressed the desire to hold their charters as long as there is a comrade left, to which sentiment Assistant Adjutant General Davidson and I gave every encouragement. I was told that out of 48 comrades in the State, 24 were present at the encampment.

Comrade Robert T. Smith, commander elect and several others were installed by Assistant Adjutant General Davidson, and then he called on me to install him and the remaining officers, which was done. Comrade Davidson bids fair to be physically and mentally able to carry on for many years to come.

They have a white and negro woman's relief corps, as doubtless you know. They do not meet together, but seem to work in perfect harmony.

It was my pleasure to meet Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Mrs. Pauley, national treasurer. Their presence was greatly appreciated and no doubt was highly beneficial to both organizations.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

JOSEPH B. HENNINGER,
Senior Aide de Camp.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

BALTIMORE, MD., *July 29, 1932.*

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT,
Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

SIR: Following the appointment of the committee by the commander in chief, the chairman began a survey of the field, looking to possible success. The outlook was not promising.

With business depression, unemployment, and huge unprecedented draft by the World War veterans on the Treasury of the United States the outlook for favorable legislation by Congress was anything but encouraging.

Having in mind the mandate of the national encampment relative to increase of our widows' pensions, our first effort was in that direction, appreciating the fact that our numerical strength was no longer impressive, that in order to accomplish anything of value we must obtain outside help. Coming to the knowledge of the chairman, that the ex-service organizations, Spanish War, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Legion, were working on a consolidated bill, I immediately sought liaison with them, and after much effort, succeeded in gaining association with them on behalf of the widows of the Grand Army of the Republic. I communicated my action to the commander in chief and other members of the committee, all of whom approved. In this connection, I wish to state that without the able and invaluable aid and assistance of ex-United States Senator Rice W. Means, editor of the National Tribune, I would not have been able to accomplish this result, and throughout the session of Congress, Comrade Means, through the columns of the Tribune, has strongly advocated our cause.

The consolidated widows' pension bill, H. R. 7030, was introduced in the House by the Hon. Allard H. Gasque, of South Carolina. The principal features of the bill are as follows:

> The widow after proving death and marriage, regardless of date of marriage, on reaching the age of 30 years, shall be placed on the pension rolls at $30 per month; on reaching the age of 50 years, shall receive $40 per month, and on reaching 70 years of age shall receive $50 per month.

It will be perceived that should this bill become a law, our widows will be the earliest beneficiaries, as possibly none of our widows are under 50 years of age and at that age their pension would be increased to $40.

A hearing was held by the Committee on Pensions at which Chairman Gasque presided, representatives of the various organizations

were present, Commander in Chief Town, his legislative committee, our auxiliary and allied organizations, represented the Grand Army and addressed the committee. Comrade Grayson, past commander in chief, United Spanish War Veterans, of Savannah, Ga., did the honors in presenting the various speakers. The committee subsequently made a favorable report to the House. What happened? In an unguarded moment, Representative Rankin, of Mississippi, introduced and had passed a purely World War widows' bill, thus shunting our bill aside. A bill like the Gasque bill, however, was presented in the Senate by the Hon. Arthur R. Robinson, of Indiana, a tried and true friend of veterans and placed on the calendar as S. Res. 3809. It will be known as the Robinson-Gasque bill. In an interview with Senator Robinson he assured me of his friendship, but at that late period of the session it would be impossible to secure action.

While we have spared no time or effort on behalf of our widows, still there is an obligation we owe to our own comrades, some 10,000 of whom are not getting the maximum rate provided in the act passed by the Seventy-first Congress. To relieve these comrades, I prepared a bill which was presented at my request by the Hon. Mell Underwood of Ohio, chairman of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and placed on the calendar as H. R. 8082. Mr. Underwood informs me that he has been unable to procure committee action on the bill. In fact the flood of bonus marchers crowding the galleries and corridors of the Capitol have simply crowded out all other veteran legislation.

During the commander's visit to Washington, I suggested that we make a call on Gen. Frank T. Hines, Chief of Veterans' Administration, which we did. He received us very cordially and we went over with him our bills. He favored the consolidated widows' bill and said it would be easily administered; as to our bill to raise all our comrades to the maximum rate of $100, he said he was working on a plan to meet that issue without further legislation; that he had just left the President who said he would not sign any pension bills. I said "if that is the case, it is useless for the commander and me to call on him as we intended." "Sure," he said, "you go," and ordered his private car and sent us to the White House. We were ushered in to the President's room with little delay. He received us kindly and had us seated close to him while we stated the object of our visit. He referred to the widespread depression and financial condition of the Treasury as such that he would not be justified in approving any pension legislation. We assured him that the Grand Army, of all organizations, would not embarrass the President of the United States.

In conclusion, I regret our failure to accomplish results, not due, however, to any lack of intense work and earnest solicitation, in which we were strongly backed by our commander in chief, the Woman's Relief Corps and all of our allied societies, but the fates were against us, the business depression, and the insistent and excessive demands of the World War veterans, who crowded the halls and galleries of the Capitol, emphasizing their demand on the Members

of Congress, that they should be the chosen beneficiaries of the Government's bounty, not willing as we were, to wait 25 years after the war for the first general pension bill.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

JOHN R. KING, *Chairman*,
EDWIN J. FOSTER,
ALFRED E. STACEY,
H. A. JOHNSON,
WALTER S. TULLY,
Legislative Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NATIONAL COUNCIL *and* FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION (AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1932, AT THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN THE HOTEL ABRAHAM LINCOLN, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

The executive committee of the national council of administration convened at 11.15 o'clock a. m., Monday, September 19, 1932, in parlor K of the Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Ill., Commander in Chief Samuel P. Town presiding.

Upon roll call by the adjutant general all members of the executive committee were found to be present, as follows:

Commander in Chief Samuel P. Town.
Senior Vice Commander in Chief Oley Nelson.
Adjutant General W. F. Hambright.
Quartermaster General Edward Hurley.
Comrade William P. Wright, of Illinois.
Comrade David N. Foster, of Indiana.
Comrade L. F. Arensberg, of Pennsylvania.
Comrade John T. Holmes, of Maryland.
Comrade M. H. Davidson, of Kentucky.
Comrade Joseph A. Goodrich, of New Jersey.

Commander in Chief Town. This is the executive committee. If they have anything, they refer it to the council.

Comrade Wright. I move you, Commander, that the executive committee has no report to make to the council, and that we proceed to the meeting of the council. [Seconded.]

Commander in Chief Town. The chairman of the executive committee reports that we have no recommendations to make to the council, and it is moved and seconded that we proceed with the meeting of the council. Are you ready for the question? All in favor give their assent by saying, "Aye." Contrary, "No." [Carried.] Now the council was to meet at 11.30, I believe. It is now 11.15. We will have just a little social gathering now for 10 minutes to give the comrades that are not here an opportunity to arrive. [Recess.]

Comrades, the hour of 11.30 having arrived, the council of administration will please come to order.

A roll call disclosed the following members of the council of administration present in addition to the members of the executive committee noted above:

Chaplain in Chief Jesse B. Bartley.
Comrade Charles E. Jones, of Alabama.
Comrade A. J. Rawson, of Colorado and Wyoming.
Comrade Henry Bruner, of Georgia and South Carolina.
Comrade W. W. Nixon, of Kansas.
Comrade Albert Dunham, of Michigan.

Comrade Samuel E. Mahan, of Minnesota.
Comrade A. J. P. Barnes, of Missouri.
Comrade David Jack, of Nebraska.
Comrade Emmett F. Taggart, of Ohio.
Comrade R. L. Johnson, of Oklahoma.
Comrade John Shearer, of Texas.
Comrade John H. Amadon, of Vermont.
Comrade J. E. Gandy, of Washington and Alaska.
Comrade Thomas Carder of West Virginia.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Comrade Wright, have you any business to report from the executive committee to the council?

Comrade WRIGHT. Comrades, we had a meeting last night of the executive committee, and we have some recommendations to present for the council of administration to present to the incoming council of the next administration. I am going to have Comrade Arensberg state to you the substance of what we did last night.

Past Commander in Chief LOUIS F. ARENSBERG. Well, comrades, the time has arrived when we get down to business, and the first thing that was necessary was to make a budget for carrying on the Grand Army of the Republic for the ensuing year, and also to provide for future years. We are not ready to quit business yet, and to facilitate matters we thought it best to get up a sort of a budget so that we know just where we stand and what we can afford to spend.

Last year we were obliged to withdraw from the general fund $4,000 to meet current expenses. Conditions were such, financially and otherwise, that we could not meet them without infringing upon the permanent fund, so there was $4,000, by the action of the last encampment, transferred from the permanent fund to the checking account to meet the contingent expenses of the past year.

Now, trying to forestall any difficulties that might arise during the coming year, we had a meeting last night and went over the various items. There are certain things that can be eliminated in our affairs in the matter of economy, and by cutting certain things and certain salaries and consolidating certain departments or offices, why we can manage to save about $2,400 to $2,500. Now the chairman has got a copy of that. Somebody got away with my copy. I would like him to read that and then explain as you go along what we did last night and what conclusions we arrived at. It is up to the council to act.

Comrade WRIGHT. The amount of money that we have expended this year, or that was appropriated at the council meeting last year under which we are now acting: For the commander in chief, his expenses for traveling, $1,800. We have reduced that to $1,500.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. A saving of $300.

Comrade WRIGHT. Saving $300. Now, all other travel, including the executive committee, the legislative committee, and allowance of those representing the commander in chief at various departments, we have saved $738 on that, making that $600. In other words, if the commander in chief is unable, by location or circumstances, to visit a certain department encampment and he requests somebody in that neighborhood to visit that and represent him at that encampment, why he has to pay his own expenses. The commander

in chief will not pay those expenses. Now we save about $700 in that matter.

Now the office of assistant quartermaster general, we have reduced that to $600.

Commander in Chief Town. That is what it is now.

Comrade Wright. We have reduced that to $400. In other words, the quartermaster is to receive as a salary $400 instead of $600 that he is getting. Now the two offices, the office of the assistant quartermaster general is consolidated with the office of the quartermaster general.

Commander in Chief Town. The assistant quartermaster general and quartermaster general are combined in one office?

Comrade Wright. Those two offices.

Commander in Chief Town. What is the salary for those two?

Comrade Wright. $400.

Commander in Chief Town. For the two?

Comrade Wright. For the two.

Commander in Chief Town. I understood you to say last night it was $600.

Comrade Wright. The adjutant general's office has been $1,200. As the secretary of the commander in chief does a great deal of that work we have reduced the salary of the adjutant general to $400 instead of $1,200.

Past Commander in Chief Arensberg. Making a saving of $800.

Comrade Wright. The secretary, who has received $1,800 in the past, the executive committee recommend $1,600.

Past Commander in Chief Arensberg. Realizing that the secretary of the commander in chief has a great deal of work to do, we thought that would be a reasonable reduction and not too strong a cut. We want to cut some for economy's sake, but that would not be too heavy a cut.

Comrade Wright. Printing, we can not make much change in that. The orders have got to go out, got to be printed and sent to the different departments, delivered to the different posts so that they may keep in touch with what is going on in the national body. And then they put the postage up 1 cent on all this matter. So we have left that the same as it was last year, $1,500. That is what it cost us last year.

Now that is a saving in the budget that was presented last year of $2,438, and in that way. You will all of you appreciate the fact that the per capita tax is at a minimum now. We are not getting in the per capita tax that we used to, and the supplies for the different posts and departments are not what they were. It does not require as much work. And the donations that we are receiving from those different allied organizations have materially fallen off. So taking it all together, why the executive committee have suggested this recommendation to the incoming council of administration and suggested that that be the budget for the next year. Are there any questions that anyone would like to ask?

Commander in Chief Town. Before any action is taken on that resolution I would just like to have a word to say. Of course I don't know who is going to be the commander in chief the ensuing year, nor do I know what his plans would be for employing a secre-

tary. But I want to say that my experience this year has been such that if I had not had as competent a secretary as I was successful in having, that it would have been a great deal more work for the commander in chief. Her salary—probably you all know her—she has been in as secretary for a number of years under different commanders in chief, and is absolutely almost perfection. She understands so well everything that is done that it saves the commander in chief an immense amount of work, and my experience in a large city, that where you get a competent stenographer and typewriter with all intelligence, that you can not get much for less than $1,800. We have been giving her $1,800. As I say I don't know whether the coming commander will want to employ that same person or not, but it seems to me it would be questionable to decrease that. You want a competent person.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Commander in chief and comrades, we would want a competent person, but conditions to-day are not what they were several years ago, and a couple of hundred dollars decrease really would not mean as much as it would have two or three years ago. Things are much lower in price, and one thing and another I think a person could get along on $1,600 as well to-day as they could two or three years ago on $1,800. It means something to us, because we have got to conserve our funds in some way. We have got to make a little cut somewhere or another. I think possibly if the incoming commander in chief—I am like the commander in chief, I don't know who it will be, but the incoming commander in chief, I think it may be possible for him to employ some competent person to carry on that work for the $1,600. That is the only reason why we made the change.

Commander in Chief TOWN. The only reason I spoke about that is that I think a competent stenographer should be one with the qualifications of the secretary.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. We did not make the reduction any greater. We realized the fact it would be difficult to get a competent person for less money.

Commander in Chief TOWN. I think the commander in chief should be authorized to insist on having a competent stenographer, because a person can be a good secretary and not a stenographer, but that throws a great deal of work on him.

Comrade BRUNER. I think you have acted very properly, because we are working on the line of economy, and as Past Commander in Chief Arensberg properly said, why living is cheaper and our clothes are cheaper. I think the cut is very proper.

Comrade RAWSON. There are many idle competent persons that are hunting jobs. I am perfectly satisfied you can get one for $1,500 a year that is competent, that will do the work.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Just for one moment, I want to say we have taken into consideration all of those things, and while we have made a heavier cut in some of these men still we thought it best to go a little slow and not cut too hard.

Comrade RAWSON. I say it is time we are beginning to get down with other things.

Comrade JONES. We might cut down in something else, but a competent stenographer is surely worth $1,800 with the experience of the one we have had during the last years.

Commander in Chief Town. We don't know whether she will be there or not.

Comrade Jones. Someone else that is competent.

Past Commander in Chief Arensberg. We don't know who it will be.

Comrade Rawson. The point I make is this, that we have got hundreds of those qualified people that are idle and hunting for work, and they will come down and be willing to come down and gladly take a job for less than they did a few years ago. As this comrade over here said, it is bread and butter to them to do it and they want it. You can get them for $1,500 now just as quick as you can for $1,800.

Comrade Gandy. $1,600 has been proposed. That is a compromise between $1,500 and $1,800, and I move that $1,600 be the amount that we recommend to the incoming council.

Comrade Holmes. Second that motion.

Commander in Chief Town. It has been moved and seconded, comrades, that $1,600 be recommended to the incoming administration as the salary for the secretary of the commander in chief. That is their report. Are you ready for that question? All in favor will give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it. It is agreed to.

Now then do you want to make your report, the balance of the report by items?

Comrade Wright. The next item is on the commander in chief, on the traveling expenses of the commander in chief. That is reduced from $1,800 to $1,500.

Commander in Chief Town. Do you make a motion to have that adopted?

Comrade Wright. It is a recommendation of the executive committee.

Commander in Chief Town. Do you want to make now a motion to have all the recommendations adopted?

Comrade Wright. I move the adoption of that one clause. (Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief Town. It is moved and seconded that the recommendation of the committee fixing the traveling expense of the commander in chief at $1,500 be adopted. Are you ready for the question?

Comrade Rawson. I would like to just say something on that question. I think that now you are striking at something that is a little different from the other question. The commander in chief, if he travels, he has got to pay those expense, and if he is an honest comrade and he brings in his honest report of what it has cost him for his traveling expense I think we ought to pay it. It don't look to me that we could say that he should just spend so much and if he didn't get through, the rest would have to go undone. That is a little different from the other proposition.

Commander in Chief Town. I will say, my experience on that is that any man that is elected to the office of commander in chief can not travel around the country without a companion, or an assistant, one that travels through this year. I have no hesitation in saying to the comrades that I was accompanied by Mrs. Town, and I could not have got through with what I did without her help and assistance.

So, I feel that any man that is elected commander in chief, in his travels will have to have a companion or an assistant. As far as the money was concerned that was appropriated last year, I kept an account of my traveling expenses and it did not go below the $1,800 that was appropriated. Of course if I had traveled alone it would have been less, but I could not travel alone.

Any further remarks? The motion is that the traveling expenses for the commander in chief——

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Commander in Chief and comrades, in regard to the expenses of the commander in chief, the traveling expenses, we had talked it over pretty well and we think that the $1,500 will cover that, because there are some departments pretty far off and it is hardly advisable for the commander in chief to spend much money to go there, and in that way he can eliminate some of those traveling expenses. He does not need to cover the entire ground. He can economize a little on that, and I think the $1,500 will carry him through. That is my idea on that proposition.

I want to say I have been wondering how we would get along and how we were going to stretch our finances and make our money hold out. We are not ready to quit, and we think possibly we can carry on for the next eight or nine years by limiting the withdrawal of the money from the permanent fund to $3,000 in any year, not more than $3,000. In that way we can go on for the next eight or nine years, if necessary. We will have the money to do it, and that is the idea of cutting these things down a little now, so that it will pan out in the future. I don't expect to be here that long, but there will be some comrades that will want to carry on and we don't want to use up all the material now.

Comrade DAVIDSON. I have been on the executive committee the last year. We took all of those things into consideration. There are some things, as our Comrade Wright says, our chairman of the executive committee, that we can not cut into, and among them is the printing. Things have got down to such a point that we are compelled, if we want to carry on any great length of time, we have got to cut down a little bit and carry this budget through, and one place where you can cut is traveling expenses, and the adjutant general, and expenses of that nature. We have cut it down, I think, in my estimation, in keeping with other things, in consideration of conditions now before the public. As we all say, there are plenty of competent men, and there are plenty of competent men who would take that salary that is proposed readily. And in regard to the traveling expenses for the commander in chief, as Comrade Arensberg says, there are certain places, if necessary, to eliminate and cut out, to keep inside of the limit. I move you, sir, that the $1,500 be adopted as the amount for the commander in chief's traveling expenses for the coming year, whoever he might be.

Commander in Chief TOWN. It has been moved and seconded that $1,500 be the limit for the traveling expense of the commander in chief for the ensuing year. All in favor will give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes appear to have it. The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

The next, Comrade Wright.

Comrade WRIGHT. All other traveling expenses, including the executive committee and the legislative committee, no allowance to be made for representatives of the commander in chief. I explained that to you, that any comrade that goes at the request of the commander in chief and visits some other department, he does so at his own expense—no expense to the commander in chief. We allow $600 for that amount.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That really, Comrade Wright, means that that amount is allowed to pay the legislative committee.

Comrade WRIGHT. Committees to go to Washington on the pension bill and for the executive committee to go to the place where the next encampment is to be held to make the contract for the encampment.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That covers their expense, but it does not cover the expenses of any representative of the commander in chief to our departments.

Comrade GANDY. The executive committee has given this matter more study and more care than the rest of us here will have time or opportunity to give. Now they have recommended all the way down the rest of the way a cut generally not against the interest of the Grand Army apparently at all. So I move that the rest of the committee's recommendations clear down through to the bottom be recommended to our new incoming council of administration as the ones that this council recommends.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Well, now, Comrade Gandy, Comrade Wright is reading those individually. It will only take a few minutes and then the comrades will have the opportunity of voting on each item. They will more thoroughly understand it than by taking it all in a bunch.

Comrade GANDY. We all heard it read and know what it is.

Comrade WRIGHT. That is all there is of that, the expense of the executive committee and the committees going to Washington, $600. That is the limit, not to exceed $600.

Commander in Chief TOWN. I think we had better vote on them individually. You have heard the motion. The motion is that $600 be appropriated for the purpose of the legislative committee, but that all details by the commander in chief to comrades who represent him in departments there will be no compensation; they will do that at their own expense.

Comrade FOSTER. Because of the honor of it.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Are you ready for the question?

Comrade MAHAN. Commander, I don't see why—the commander in chief is allowed an expense for visiting these posts—why he should ask any comrade to go out and visit when he could not do it without their expenses being paid. That is a square deal, and the commander in chief, if he went, he would get his expenses paid, and why you should ask any comrade to go out and do that, I am not in favor of it.

Comrade BRUNER. I object to that proposition from the very fact that if the party that the commander in chief should send out, this representative, should come from his own account. I think you will find very few people that will do that unless they are millionaires.

Commander in Chief Town. I understand how the executive committee considered that. Now, then, if the Department of Massachusetts should invite the commander in chief and he could not go to Massachusetts he would detail a comrade from that same department or from an adjacent department where the traveling expense would be very light. And then it would be up to the commander in chief to compensate that comrade himself if he so wished. That is my idea.

Comrade Davidson. Commander in chief, in several instances where a comrade was sent as you say from an adjacent department to another department, is it not proper for the department to pay the expense?

Commander in Chief Town. No, not the department.

Past Commander in Chief Arensberg. As a rule they entertain them.

Commander Foster. They entertain them.

Commander in Chief Town. They entertain them, but they do not pay his railroad expenses.

Comrade Rawson. I want to get this into my head the way it is intended. I was opposed to it, but there is an appropriation of $1,500 to pay that expense. If the commander in chief details some other comrade to do it it must come out of that $1,500; is that right?

Commander in Chief Town. It is a question with the commander in chief what he does with that $1,500.

Past Commander in Chief Arensberg. That is his business.

Comrade Mahan. This recommendation is that he shall not be paid.

Commander in Chief Town. That there won't be any extra appropriation made for it. If the commander in chief decides to invite a person to go and says, "Send me your bill," it comes out of his account.

Comrade Davidson. That comes out of his expenses.

Comrade Wright. When the committee audited the quartermaster's books this morning we found that there was $2,713.84 paid for traveling expenses of the different ones of the commander this last year, $2,713.84.

Comrade Foster. That includes the commander and all the expenses that have been paid for traveling by the different companions and comrades visiting the others, and the executive committee.

Commander in Chief Town. And the legislative committee, too. You make an appropriation for that.

Comrade Wright. It is all in here. That was the sum total, was $2,713.84.

Commander in Chief Town. That made, in round numbers, as accurately as I can calculate, about $300 was allowed for the people to travel to the different departments. All in favor give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it and it is agreed to; so ordered.

Comrade Wright. Next is the salary of the adjutant general, $400. He has been getting $1,200, and the committee in considering that item took into consideration that the secretary of the commander in chief does most of the clerical work of the adjutant general. So we have put that at $400. We might add to that $400 the honor, spell-

ing "honor" with a great big "H." There is a great deal of honor in the position, and he ought to pay perhaps five or six hundred dollars for that.

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT. That is right. It is worth it.

Commander in Chief TOWN. I guess you understand it. It is practically reducing the salary of the adjutant general from $1,200 to $400. You understand the question. Any remarks? All in favor will give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary? The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Comrade WRIGHT. The other expense, commander, is the printing bill. We can not change it very much. We have put it in at $1,500.

Comrade MAHAN. That will be accepted.

Commander in Chief TOWN. It is moved and seconded that the recommendation of the committee in regard to printing be adopted, which is $1,500. All in favor give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary? The ayes have it, and it is agreed to.

Comrade WRIGHT. The office of the quartermaster general and assistant quartermaster general be consolidated, and the pay will be $600. The quartermaster general's pay will be $600. That saves $500 there.

Comrade DAVIDSON. I would like to ask the chairman of the committee a question. Does that include his secretary?

Commander in Chief TOWN. No; that has nothing to do with the secretary. Nothing to do with the adjutant general.

Comrade DAVIDSON. I mean his secretary.

Comrade WRIGHT. The quartermaster general, any clerical help he needs he has got to take out of the $600.

Comrade DAVIDSON. That includes his clerical help?

Comrade WRIGHT. Everything. He is allowed for that office $600.

Commander in Chief TOWN. In other words, the position of quartermaster general and assistant quartermaster general will be consolidated.

Comrade DAVIDSON. Including clerk hire.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Nothing about clerk. He will get for his duties $600 a year. If he employs a clerk he will have to pay the clerk out of that $600.

Comrade JONES. I move the adoption.

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT. In reference to that, I have no objections whatever, but it strikes me that to consolidate the two offices would require an amendment to the rules and regulations. The rules and regulations provide for a quartermaster general and assistant quartermaster general, and that an assistant adjutant general be appointed. That is a question I think should be referred to the committee on rules and regulations.

Commander in Chief TOWN. That is your recommendation at any rate. They can do that.

Comrade WRIGHT. That can be referred to the committee on rules and regulations.

Commander in Chief TOWN. I think myself that it is a very good thing to consolidate those two offices.

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT. Either consolidate them or abolish the assistant.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Then you have to do the same thing.

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT. Everything has been acted on.

Commander in Chief Town. We have not voted on this yet. All in favor of this proposition to make the salary of the quartermaster general $600, including the assistant quartermaster general——

Comrade Wright. How would that be to word that that the quartermaster general be allowed $600 for the maintenance of his office? That would take in everything.

Commander in Chief Town. That is the same thing.

Comrade Wright. He could not send in any bills for extra help.

Adjutant General Hambright. Just change the wording.

Commander in Chief Town. Are you ready for the question? All in favor give their assent by saying, "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it, and it is agreed to.

Adjutant General Hambright. Each one of those items was acted on, and I move that the report of the executive committee be adopted as a whole.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief Town. Moved and seconded that the recommendations of the executive committee be adopted as a whole. Are you ready for the question? All in favor give their assent by saying, "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it.

Comrade Wright. Now, commander, I want to explain just this thing in a rough way, that this does not bind the incoming council of administration at all. It is a recommendation from this council to the incoming council that this council has an idea that it is a good thing to cut expenses as we have recommended to them. Of course, they would not be bound to take any action.

Now, last evening while we were in consultation on this matter Governor Van Sant came into the room, he having a room right next door, and I asked him this question: Would he advise the executive committee to suggest to the council to present this matter to the encampment? Well, he hesitated quite a little while before answering that question and finally he said, "No; I don't think I would. If this matter were sent up before the entire encampment everybody would want to say something about it." But this is just a recommendation. It does not in any way bind the incoming council. They can do as they please about it. But after the experience of this council we think that it is a good idea to make these changes. For that matter I have an idea that it would not be well to recommend this to be brought before the national encampment. Let it go to the next incoming council.

Commander in Chief Town. That is understood then, comrades, that our action to-day is simply a recommendation to the incoming council of administration; that that is your opinion. All in favor say "aye." Contrary, "no." That is the opinion. Is that all your report?

Comrade Wright. That is all of our report, Commander.

Past Commander in Chief Arensberg. Commander in Chief, there will be some necessary changes in the rules and regulations to meet these different questions that we have brought up, and particularly that one in regard to restricting the amount to be taken from the general fund. On that there will have to be some new clause inserted there in lieu of what is in the rules and regulations now, and I think that should be submitted to the committee on rules and regulations to make that change.

Comrade WRIGHT. Commander Arensberg, isn't that regulated by resolution of the encampment?

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. If the encampment indorses a resolution adopting that plan, why I think that ought to go.

Comrade WRIGHT. It is not necessary to change the rules and regulations on that. It is done by resolution of the encampment.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I just want to try to get this thing right so we know where we are at.

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT. Doctor, wouldn't it be well to formulate a resolution and submit it to the encampment that no sum exceeding $3,000 shall be drawn from the permanent fund unless in extreme emergency, something like that?

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Yes; something like that.

Comrade WRIGHT. How do the rules and regulations read on that subject?

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. The rules and regulations read on that subject, more than 10 per cent of the funds can not be taken away. The last encampment authorized $4,000 that we had received from the Cleveland bonds, that that should be transferred to the checking account, with the result that they exceeded that rule, that rule of 10 per cent. We only had $32,000. Ten per cent of $32,000 would not be $4,000. Well, the encampment authorized us to do that. I think we were perfectly safe on that proposition because the encampment indorsed that. But still at the same time it is very necessary that they understand what they are doing, and our general fund by the withdrawal of the $4,000 has been reduced to $28,300, and 10 per cent of that we would realize about $2,800 out of that.

Comrade WRIGHT. That is enough.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That would not be quite $3,000.

Commander in Chief TOWN. That is close enough. Let it be as it is.

Comrade WRIGHT. Ten per cent is enough.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I don't care.

Commander in Chief TOWN. That is enough.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Only I don't want to go in the hole.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Now, comrades, I have a little matter I want to bring up before the body. My chief of staff, Comrade Nason, would like to make a statement before this body, I believe. If he does I would like him to have the privilege.

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON, of Maine. Commander and comrades of the council of administration, I have a grievance for an action that you took last year at Des Moines. I was accused of rendering an excessive account and one that was illegal. I never was notified of this action until last December. The account was rendered a year ago last September—almost two years ago now. The then commander in chief claimed that he went to Buffalo and, looking over the books, found this account and notified the quartermaster general that it was illegal and excessive. I never was notified of it until last December. You took an action last September at Des Moines on this matter, and I never got notice of it until December.

I have all the correspondence here, and to begin with I will ask the secretary to read this as it comes.

(Whereupon the shorthand reporter, at the request of Comrade Nason, read the following letter:)

PORTLAND, ME., *September 12, 1932.*

This is to certify that I was present in the Gibson Hotel, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and heard the late quartermaster general of the Grand Army of the Republic, Cola D. R. Stowits, instruct Charles E. Nason to send in his expense account for attendance at the national encampment at Cincinnati, Ohio, for himself and his attendant, as follows: Railroad fare, Portland to Cincinnati and return; sleeping car berths, Portland to Cincinnati and return; meals en route, and necessary incidental expenses.

HENRY TOWLE.

Comrade NASON. There is an affidavit from a man who was present when the quartermaster instructed me in regard to rendering that account. I didn't know what the rules were and I asked him for information. This gentleman was present and heard it. I made up the account exactly as he instructed me to do it, did not include one penny except the items that were specified there, and if you will check it up you will find that there was no excessive account rendered there. Next he claims that I got the money illegally. Will you read the rest of that correspondence?

(Whereupon the shorthand reporter read the following letters:)

BUFFALO, N. Y., *December 28, 1931.*

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON,
Chief of Staff, G. A. R., Portland, Me.

MY DEAR COMRADE NASON: On September 6, 1930, you rendered a bill as senior vice commander in chief in the sum of $148.28, covering your expenses to Cincinnati, Ohio, and return, attending the national encampment of the G. A. R., week of August 24, 1930, and on September 10, 1930 Past Quartermaster General C. D. R. Stowits sent you a voucher check in payment for same.

A short time after I was named acting quartermaster general pending the outcome of the illness of Comrade Stowits, Commander in Chief Jewel visited Buffalo to check over the books and accounts. When he came across your bill he objected to its having been paid by Comrade Stowits and referred it to the auditing committee to pass upon. Comrade Jewel's objection was based on the fact that there is no allowance for the traveling expenses of the senior vice commander in chief to a national encampment. At the meeting of the executive committee in Des Moines in September, last, the matter was discussed at some length, following the report of the auditing committee that, even if allowable, the bill was excessive. At the executive committee meeting the following motion was made:

"Comrade NIXON. I move that the executive committee finds that the bill of C. E. Nason, amounting to $148.28 for traveling and other expenses in attending the national encampment at Cincinnati, Ohio, August 24, 1930. was not only excessive but was illegal and should not have been paid, and they recommend to the council of administration that the matter be referred to the quartermaster general, and that he be requested to have that money refunded to the general fund of the Grand Army of the Republic."

This motion was carried and the action of the executive committee referred to the council of administration at its meeting that afternoon. Comrade Wright explained the matter to the council members and, after discussion, the council of administration voted to approve the action of the executive committee with reference to the bill.

I have not been feeling very well for some weeks past, which is the reason that this matter has not been taken up with you at an earlier date. I am enjoying my usual health now, however, and shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience so that I may make my report to the commander in chief regarding it.

Sincerely yours in F., C., and L.,

EDWARD HURLEY,
National Quartermaster General.

JANUARY 8, 1932.

EDWARD HURLEY,
Quartermaster General, Grand Army of the Republic,
Buffalo, N. Y.

MY DEAR COMRADE HURLEY: Inclosed please find New York draft made payable to your order as requested in your letter of December 28. I am sending you this draft under protest, as I do not consider it fair treatment for the executive committee and council of administration to pass judgment on this matter without giving me a personal hearing, as I was in Des Moines at the time of the holding of these meetings, and would have been glad to have appeared before both of these committees and given them a full explanation of the matter.

I do not wish to stand before the Grand Army of the Republic condemned of obtaining money illegally, or of rendering an excessive account, and had no intention of doing either at any time, and am willing to abide by the decision of the committee in refunding this money to you, but I do claim the right of vindicating myself of the two charges which are made in your letter.

I have witnesses that this bill was rendered under instructions from the late Quartermaster Stowits, and it included only the items which he instructed me to include in the bill.

I am mailing your letter, and a copy of this letter to the commander in chief with an appeal to him that I may be properly heard and vindicated of the two charges which are made by the executive committee.

With all good wishes to you for the coming year, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

C. E. NASON.

BUFFALO, N. Y., *January 12, 1932.*

CHARLES E. NASON,
Chief of Staff, G. A. R., Portland, Me.

MY DEAR COMRADE NASON: I acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 8, inclosing New York draft payable to my order, and thank you for your prompt attention to the matter.

I note you say your bill was rendered under instructions from our late Quartermaster General Stowits, and sincerely trust that the matter may eventually be settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Reciprocating most heartily your good wishes for the New Year, believe me,

Sincerely yours in F., C., and L.,

EDWARD HURLEY,
National Quartermaster General.

Comrade NASON. Now, comrades, as for that communication, Commander Jewel looked over those accounts in April of 1930. I got my first notice of anything of the kind in December of 1931. He knew that I was in Des Moines and met me there, and I think I was not treated fairly that I should not have had a hearing before this committee before you passed judgment on me. I had no intent of rendering an account that not absolutely right and correct, and there is not a penny of excessive charge in that account.

I gladly refunded it when I understood that I was not entitled to it, as I have always tried to serve the Grand Army of the Republic and shall while I live. But I have been treated unfairly by the past commander. He should have given me a chance to be heard before this committee in that I should have given you an explanation before you passed judgment that I had acted illegally and tried to steal your money. I want that action rescinded.

Comrade DAVIDSON. Commander in chief, I would ask Comrade Nason what was the character of it that caused the amount of that bill?

Comrade NASON. It was my railroad, and I have to have an attendant, sir. I am blind, practically.

Comrade DAVIDSON. How many?

Comrade NASON. One. There are two railroad fares from Portland to Cincinnati and return, two sleeping car berths from Portland to Cincinnati and return, meals en route and incidental expenses which amounted to two or three dollars, taxicab, etc.

Comrade DAVIDSON. That amounted to how much, you say?

Comrade NASON. $148.28 the bill shows. The quartermaster general's department has that original bill. It can be produced at any time. There is nothing else contained in the bill.

Commander in Chief TOWN. As I understand it the chief of staff desires that the vote of censure be rescinded, is that it?

Comrade NASON. That is what I asked for.

Comrade MAHAN. I move that that be adopted.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I second that motion that that censure be revoked.

Comrade MAHAN. Because he has returned the money. He had a question there as to whether he should keep it and when he found out that he should not, he returned the money. There ought not to be any censure against him.

Commander in Chief TOWN. You have heard the motion. The motion is that the vote of censure that was passed by the council of administration in regard to Comrade Nason be rescinded. Are you ready for that question?

Comrade NASON. One word, commander, before you put that motion. I want included in that motion that that was unfair and unjust.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Oh, I would not insist on that.

Comrade NASON. They were, absolutely.

Commander in Chief TOWN. That covers the whole thing.

Comrade DAVIDSON. The word "rescind" covers everything.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I want to say that if the committee rescinds that motion of censure that removes all the other.

Comrade NASON. Thank you, sir.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. We appreciate the fact and know you did not do that knowingly or willingly, and we want to exonerate you from any intention of the kind.

Comrade NASON. That is all I ask for.

Commander in Chief TOWN. Are you ready for the question? All in favor give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it and it is unanimously passed. Comrade Nason, you are exonerated from all blame.

Comrade NASON. Commander and gentlemen of the committee, I thank you for what you have done.

Commander in Chief TOWN. I did not want to express any opinion on this subject until the matter was settled by the committee itself, but I think you have properly taken the action you voted in rescinding the former action, because you were not advised of the actual circumstances in the case properly.

Adjutant General HAMBRIGHT. Comrades, you understand Comrade Nason was unaware that expenses were not to be paid to the senior vice commander when attending a session of the national encampment. The rules and regulations provide for paying no

expense to that office, but he knew nothing of that fact, and that was the reason he put in the bill.

Commander in Chief Town. What other business is there to come before the meeting?

Past Commander in Chief Arensberg. I hope we have got it straightened out, and I hope Comrade Nason will feel we have nothing in the world against him.

Commander in Chief Town. I want to say, Comrade Nason has been very faithful and patient over this. I am very glad and happy you have taken that action. Is there any further business to come before the council? If not——

Comrade Mahan. I move that we adjourn.

Commander in Chief Town. It is moved and seconded that we now adjourn. All in favor give their assent by saying "aye" Contrary, "no." We are adjourned.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HELD ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 22, 1932, AT 3.20 O'CLOCK P. M., AT HOTEL ABRAHAM LINCOLN, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

The national council of administration was called to order at 3.20 o'clock p. m., in national headquarters of the Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Ill., by the commander in chief, William P. Wright.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. I am very sorry that I have got to apologize the first meeting I have called, but the Daughters of Veterans sent for me and when they got me there they would not let me get away. Will the shorthand reporter call the roll of the different members of the council and see who are present?

The roll call disclosed the following members present:

Commander in Chief William P. Wright.
Senior Vice Commander in Chief Russell C. Martin.
Junior Vice Commander in Chief Charles E. Jones.
Adjutant General Calvin A. Brainard.
Quartermaster General Samuel P. Town.
Comrade James E. Jewel, of Colorado and Wyoming.
Comrade George A. Tucker, of Connecticut.
Comrade Jeremiah Williams, of Idaho.
Comrade John E. Andrew, of Illinois.
Comrade David N. Foster, of Indiana.
Comrade Oley Nelson, of Iowa.
Comrade E. W. Phillips, of Kansas.
Comrade M. H. Davidson, of Kentucky.
Comrade F. S. Philbrick, of Maine.
Comrade John T. Holmes, of Maryland.
Comrade Edwin H. Lincoln, of Massachusetts.
Comrade Albert Dunham, of Michigan.
Comrade R. A. Becker, of Minnesota.
Comrade Peter L. Swartz, of Missouri.
Comrade Joseph A. Goodrich, of New Jersey.
Comrade Emmett F. Taggart, of Ohio.
Comrade R. L. Johnson, of Oklahoma.
Comrade W. F. Hambright, of Pennsylvania.
Comrade John Shearer, of Texas.
Comrade J. E. Gandy, of Washington and Alaska.
Comrade Thomas Carder, of West Virginia.
Comrade E. B. Heimstreet, of Wisconsin.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. Now, comrades, the object of this meeting is the consideration of the recommendations made by the previous council. We have never had any arrangement before that

I know of where there has been a budget made of our expenses. We had run on the same line from year to year without very much change. Now the time has come when there has got to be a change in our expenses. Our income is dropping down quite rapidly, and there is some idea, every encampment we have, that that is the last encampment that we are going to have.

Well, the council of last year, in looking over matters very thoroughly, taking into consideration in that consultation the treasurer of the permanent fund, concluded that if we go on at the rate we are going on now we can have about five or six more encampments and keep out of debt. With this reduction that is suggested for your consideration by the past council, and any budget for this year must be made by this council, the reduction that has been suggested will permit us to go along for 8 or 10 years more with what money we have got. The donations from the different allied organizations have fallen off materially on account of the times. and the per capita tax, why you know how it is in your departments. It has materially affected the income in the departments and in the posts, and it is so entirely in the national just the same. The money is not coming in as it did.

Now, Comrade Arensberg, do you want to put this matter before the committee, before the council, or do you want to take it from what was read?

Past Commander in Chief Louis F. Arensberg. Commander in chief, we went over and formed a sort of a budget just simply to recommend to this incoming council certain things that we thought would help matters in a financial way. It will only be with the strictest economy that we can get along on this.

We received as contributions from the Daughters and the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary $1,000; $500 from each of those organizations, making $1,000, is all we have received from them. The Woman's Relief Corps has given us $1,000. That $2,000 can be applied to the expenses of the incoming administration.

Now that is not enough. It will take at least $6,000 to run through the year. Then you have to exercise the strictest economy if you want to get through on $6,000. We have been running rather unlimitedly heretofore and it is necessary that we get down to some working plan and stick to it.

Now, we have only got $2,000 to begin with. That is not enough, and it will be necessary to withdraw from the permanent fund about $3,000 this year. I think it would be wise for this council to authorize the withdrawal from the permanent fund of the sum of $3,000, if necessary—and it will be necessary—the sum of $3,000 by an order transmitted from the commander in chief, duly signed by the adjutant general, to the treasurer authorizing him to transfer that much from the permanent fund to the checking account. That would give us $5,000. We will get somewhere in the neighborhood of $800 interest. That will give us close on to $6,000; and the per capita tax, unless too many of them die off, will give us about $300 more. So that will make a little over or about $6,000, and it is going to hustle you to keep down to that figure.

Those are the figures, and the budget that we have made out we cut the commander in chief's traveling expenses. We thought the

condition of things was such that some of that could be eliminated, and we cut the commander in chief's traveling expenses from $1,800 down to $1,500, saving $300. Then we have cut the quartermaster's department by consolidating the quartermaster's department. We advised this, remember—that is not the law. It is up to you comrades to do this now. You will have control the coming year. We have cut the quartermaster's department and consolidated the assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records with the office of quartermaster general, and we have cut him down to $600, and he has got to pay his own expenses, office expenses and everything else of that kind. So that eliminates quite a considerable. There is a saving there, I think it was about $800, wasn't it, Commander Wright?

Commander in Chief Wright. $738.

Past Commander in Chief Arensberg. We cut that off there. We have made another reduction, and some of them did not altogether like it, but I don't know how we are going to do if we don't make these reductions. We reduced the salary of the secretary to the commander in chief. We did not cut her quite so much. We went tenderly at that. We recognized she is a wonderful woman and a fine secretary, a great advantage to the Grand Army of the Republic. But we made a reduction there of $200, thinking that the way present things are and prices, and one thing and another, that that would not be as much of a hardship as it would have been if it had been done two or three years ago. So we made that cut. But if you think that is tramping a little too hard, it is up to you. We are just making these recommendations.

Now then another thing we have done, and I don't know how that it going to work out, but the expenses that have been allowed to the representatives of the commander in chief. Whenever the commander in chief authorized some other comrade in some near-by territory, if he could not visit a department he would authorize somebody to represent him. Invariably the representative was paid his traveling expenses and so on in attending to that duty for the commander in chief. Hereafter we will not allow them any traveling expenses. If the honor of going there and representing the commander in chief is not enough, they had better stay at home. We will not pay their traveling expenses. We will save a whole lot of money there again, and that is the only way we can get down to brass tacks. There are some few other incidentals, but that is about the gist of the whole matter, and we have drawn up this paper in connection with the matter. I was a member of the executive committee this past year and also of the council. But with the aid of several members of the executive committee we had a meeting and we went over and figured out this thing and had a good deal of talk and figured it out and worked at it and got up this paper, and now we will submit it to you and you can do as you please. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief James E. Jewel. You did not tell us about the adjutant general's salary.

Commander in Chief Wright. I will attend to that.

Past Commander in Chief Arensberg. I overlooked that. We just quietly thought it was a great honor to be adjutant general to the commander in chief and that it was worth a lot of money to have

that honor. So, instead of giving him $1,200 a year, because he does not do much—the commander in chief's secretary as a rule attends to the work of the adjutant general—and on account of that we have concluded that the adjutant general would have to be satisfied. I think it was $400 we reduced it to, so that just will be $800 off there, you understand. If it is not worth $800 to have the honor of being adjutant—national adjutant general of the Grand Army of the Republic—why it is not worth anything. So there you are. We really had to do some cutting. It got to that stage we have got to do it or we are going to go off the map. We would like—I will not live to see it—but we would like to have enough money, spend it carefully and hoard it so that in the future these encampments that follow this one will have something to go on. We want that parceled out, and I think if you are careful and do not exceed that $3,000 of withdrawal each year you will have enough to carry on for 8 or 9 or 10 years. Otherwise, why we will go on the rocks in 2 or 3 or 4. So there you are. [Applause.]

Comrade SWARTZ. Speaking for Missouri, Comrade Arensberg, past national commander, and his committee who have presented this budget to us, they have looked over the matter and investigated, went into the subject thoroughly, and I am satisfied that they have given an honest opinion, and for me I want to see the Grand Army live for at least 10 years instead of 6 or 8 years. I have served the Department of Missouri the last year preceding this and paid my expenses all the way through myself, did not charge the department a cent because we are hard up, and all the departments in the West are hard up on account of the times, and this Government is hard up and devising means and reestimating their Budget. As far as I am concerned I am heartily in accord with the report that has been made here by Comrade Arensberg. That is my sentiment and that will be the sentiment, I am satisfied, of the Department of Missouri.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. I just want to give you an idea. Taking these in the order in which this matter has come up before the council——

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Excuse me a moment, please. I think those different items submitted by that committee should be taken up seriatim, in order to save a lot of time.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. The first item on this list here is the expenses of the commander in chief in visiting the different departments. Last year that was $1,800 or so much of it as was necessary for his expense. This year we have suggested $1,500. Now, that is a saving of $300 there. Now, what is your pleasure as regards that one item?

Comrade SWARTZ. I move that the suggestion of the committee be adopted.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. It is moved and seconded that as to that item the action of this council be that the total expense of the commander in chief for his traveling expenses shall not exceed $1,500. Is that correct?

Comrade SWARTZ. That is my motion.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. All in favor of the adoption of that motion will please say "aye." Contrary? Carried.

All other travel, including the executive committee, legislative committee, and so forth, no allowance to be made for representatives of the commander in chief. That includes the item of commander in chief and all the members of the executive committee that he wishes to take with him to the appointed place for the next national encampment to make the contract for the national encampment with the chamber of commerce in the city where we are going, specifying what they are expected to pay for and what they are expected to do, and to fix the date of the national encampment. Now, that we have reduced, too. Last year it was $938.84. We have reduced that this year to $600. Now, what is your pleasure as regards that? That includes the situation if the commander in chief requests somebody, say, in Minnesota to represent him in Dakota or some near-by place, his representative is expected to pay his expenses himself; that is, the treasury of the national encampment shall not be drawn on for traveling expenses. Last year we paid $2,700 for traveling expenses outside of the commander in chief.

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. I would just say when I was commander in chief I adopted the rule, so far as it was possible to do so, to appoint some one to represent the commander in chief in his own department, and I made the rule that it was the duty of each member to attend his own department encampment, and that he was not entitled to his traveling expenses. So we did not pay any of them. The way that was just read by the commander in chief, it is rather putting two items into one. I realize that it is absolutely necessary for the quartermaster general probably to go with the commander in chief to make the contract, and you would not expect Comrade Town to go from Pennsylvania to Minnesota and pay his own expenses. I think if you will divide this, and I make the motion that hereafter the commander in chief appointing persons to represent him the department encampment, that it be made so far as possible in the department and that no expense be allowed.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. To the national encampment?

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. To the department encampments.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. Have we got anything to do with department encampments?

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. You have. If you appoint a man to represent you in some department it is up to you to say who it is you are going to send. That is a national matter and not a department matter, and they should not be paid any traveling expenses. That is my motion.

(Motion seconded.)

Quartermaster General TOWN. That is their recommendation.

Past Department Commander JEWEL. They have doubled it up, too.

Comrade SWARTZ. It might be an economy that the national commander should appoint representatives of himself in case he could not go and attend any of the State encampments, that he appoint some member of that State department to represent him there.

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. That is my motion.

Comrade SWARTZ. That is my motion.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. All in favor of the motion put by Past Commander in Chief Jewel will say "aye." Contrary, "no." It is so ordered.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief MARTIN. I would just like to say to these comrades who are assembled here, as senior vice commander in chief, that anywhere in the western half of our country that our commander wishes me to visit any of these departments I will visit them and do everything in my power without any pay, without costing them anything. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. Very kind. The next part is on the quartermaster's office. The office of the quartermaster general and the assistant quartermaster general are consolidated and no allowance for clerical help. That office is allowed $600, a saving of $500 in that office.

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. Commander in Chief, last year in my report as commander in chief I recommended that the rules be amended so as to consolidate the two offices in one. I doubt if the council of administration has the authority to make rules and regulations. That belongs to the encampment.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. The executive committee has.

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. I would suggest that the commander in chief in making his appointment appoint one and the same person to those two offices.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. That is what the commander in chief has done in this case. Comrade Past Commander in Chief Town is appointed as quartermaster general and also assistant quartermaster general.

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. And custodian of the records.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. And custodian of the records. You know that assistant quartermaster general is a job now that is not very extensive. Prior to the last few years when the supplies sent out by the national encampment amounted to twelve or fifteen thousand dollars, why it would amount to something. Everybody wanted a badge and they wanted buttons, and they wanted this, that, and the other, and it took a lot of time and a lot of patience to do all that work. Now, then, the different assistant quartermasters and adjutants general of the departments have got almost enough of that stuff to carry them through, and you would be surprised when you look at the returns and find out how small some of these departments are sending in orders for supplies. I was on the auditing committee this year, and there were one or two departments there credited with 10 cents for supplies. Now that is getting down pretty fine. Whereas other departments were running up to $1, $1.50, $2, and $3. Of course that work takes time to straighten those things out, but it does not require the amount of time and patience to ship them, and so forth. A consolidation of those two offices—perhaps that word "consolidated" should not be used there, but that is the way it is used. It is the appointing of one person for two offices, and we save $500 on that. What is your pleasure as regards that?

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. Mr. Commander, I move that the recommendation of $600 for the quartermaster general be approved, and that no salary be allowed the assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records.

(Motion seconded.)

Comrade FOSTER. And no allowance for clerical help.

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. No; that is the recommendation.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. You have heard the motion. All in favor will say "aye." Contrary, "no." It is so ordered.

Now, as regards the adjutant general, the former council found that in the books there there was $1,200 allowed to the adjutant general, and they have considered that the work is done almost exclusively by the secretary to the commander in chief, and the committee recommend and the former council recommend to this council that the salary of the adjutant general be $400. Now, what is your pleasure as regards that recommendation?

Comrade SWARTZ. I move that the recommendation be adopted.

Comrade PHILLIPS. I move that the recommendation be adopted.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. Are there any remarks? All those in favor of the motion will say "aye." Contrary, "no." (Carried.)

Now, there is the question of the secretary. The recommendation from the former council to this council is that that salary be reduced to $1,600. Now, at the meeting of the old council there were one or two got up and said that you can hire the best stenographer and woman you can find for $800 to $1,000. Now, those of you who have had experience in this office and had business with the present secretary find out you don't have to ask a question twice. She knows what she is talking about and she can tell you just what you want to know, and there is not one out of a hundred that could do that, it doesn't make any difference what salary you paid them.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Commander in Chief, I would move that the salary of secretary to the commander in chief be left as it was, $1,800 per year.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief MARTIN. I would second that motion, without any further argument.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. The secretary to the commander in chief, I have realized this past year she has been a very efficient secretary and a great help to the commander in chief and the adjutant general and keeping things straight in the departments. She has taken care of all the correspondence of the accounts with the different departments. I admit that you can get clerks for five or six hundred dollars, but will it be done correctly? Wouldn't it be necessary to have somebody to investigate and audit those books and see that things are as they should be? Miss Flood is one of the most efficient bookkeepers, secretaries, and correspondents that I have ever had experience with. She is a daughter of a veteran and had experience with about 17 past commanders in chief in her lifetime; she is very efficient. I would move that the matter of $1,600 be stricken out and $1,800 substituted.

(Motion seconded.)

Comrade SWARTZ. I want to ask if in addition to this salary if she is paid for her traveling expenses as she goes around over the country?

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. No, no. You have heard the motion that the recommendation made by the former council of $1,600 to this council be changed to $1,800. Any remarks on the question?

Comrade DAVIDSON. I wish to ask the question in reference to the secretary, does she move to the city to be in close proximity to the commander in chief?

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. Sure. She stays right in the office.

Comrade DAVIDSON. That is what I mean. I wish to ascertain—she would have to move from one city to another?

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. She leaves Philadelphia and comes to Chicago.

Comrade DAVIDSON. That is it; cost her a little bit more expense.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. She left the East and went to California with Hawk.

Comrade DAVIDSON. We want to treat the lady right.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. She is a wonderful woman. All in favor of that being made $1,800 instead of $1,600 say "aye." Contrary? (Carried.)

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. I think you acted wisely. For the sake of economy I believe in reductions where it would be for the best interest of the organization, but to drive this lady down from $1,800 to $1,600 is not right, and it would not produce proper results. She is a most efficient secretary, as I have stated before, and attends to all the correspondence.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. That is past now.

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. Commander in Chief, I believe there is a little misunderstanding as to this matter, and I think it had better be cleared up. The question was asked would she have to pay her own traveling expenses.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Sure.

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. And it was said she would, but it has been customary for the Grand Army to pay her traveling expenses or the secretary's traveling expenses when she goes with the commander in chief. Now, if she has got to pay her own traveling expenses and it is necessary to go with the commander in chief——

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Not necessary. It is only——

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. She does not go.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. She has never been paid traveling expenses.

Past Commander in Chief TOWN. I will tell you what that means. The rules and regulations provide that the expenses of the commander in chief, the adjutant general, and the secretary to a national encampment be paid. That is all the traveling expense she has.

Comrade SWARTZ. That was the question I asked before.

Past Commander in Chief TOWN. The thing is settled, so why are we discussing it?

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. I just want to have it understood.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. She is paid $1,800. The next item is a very hard matter to change any of it. Printing in 1931–32 does not include the rolls and reports, printing them. A total of $1,500 per year, and I do not see how that sum can be very much reduced, as the departments demand a certain number of general orders, and

sufficient orders must be sent during the year to give the necessary information to departments and posts.

Postage is an uncertain quantity because there is no way of estimating how much correspondence will be necessary, and it is high now because it is 3 cents instead of 2. Now, $1,500, we can not cut on the printing of those circulars, and I don't know how you feel, but it has been my experience in departments and in posts, as well as in the national, if we do not get the information of the Grand Army to the comrades how are they going to be kept interested? And all the money that is spent for orders is just advertising what we are doing in the national encampment. I think that it is money well spent and should not be cut down any. So those of you who are in favor of leaving the expense account of $1,500 for the printing and postage—do you want to speak on the question.

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. I do. I want to speak on that subject. I am aware that the Grand Army and many other organizations have usually paid too much for their printing. Now, when I was commander in chief I think I had five or six orders. I also published the roll and the reports of officers. I adopted the plan that I got my manuscript ready and I submitted it to competitive printers for bids, and I do not think, if you will look over my records, that the total expense of my printing bill was to exceed eight or nine hundred dollars, and you can get it done for less money now because everything is coming down.

I think the better way to do with this is to leave that matter wholly up to the commander in chief and let him get it done as cheap as he can. That is the way to do it. I move you that we leave the question of printing to our commander in chief, and that his bills be sent in and paid.

Quartermaster General TOWN. Second the motion.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. Well, I'll tell you, comrades, the matter of that item and also of the expense of the commander in chief for traveling expenses is, as I take it, that is the limit to be paid, or so much of that amount as is necessary, and what is not necessary should be returned or be left in the hands of the treasurer, the quartermaster. I don't think there is any question about that. All in favor of the adoption of that $1,500 or so much as may be required will please say "aye." Contrary, "no." That is carried.

Now, gentlemen, that is the entire budget of the encampment. Now, I would like to have a resolution or a motion made giving authority to the quartermaster to draw on the permanent fund for such amount as may be necessary for the expenses of the encampment, the running of the national encampment through the year, if the income is not sufficient.

Comrade NELSON. I would make that motion, $3,000.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. You must remember that the rules and regulations say 10 per cent.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. Yes; I know that. The rules and regulations do not allow us to draw over 10 per cent out of the permanent fund without the action of the body.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. We have $28,000, and the interest on that will make $30,000.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. Many of you remember that last year there were some bonds that were due on the city of Cleveland,

and they were paid, and instead of taking and putting that money—the bank wrote to the trustees of that fund and asked them if they wanted them to reinvest it; and they told them that the encampment was to be held within a month and not to invest it until after the action was taken in the encampment. The council of administration at that next meeting decided, as the trust company had decided to pay 2½ per cent on the balance in the checking account, that we would lose very little money by putting it in the checking account, and at any time we wanted the money we had it; we could get it right there in the checking account without having to sell the bonds. So that money was put into the checking account, as I understand the treasurer of the permanent fund. That amount has gotten down to about $1,000; am I correct?

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That is right.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. About $1,000 of the $4,000 is left, so that we have used $3,000 this year out of the permanent fund.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Yes; but bills come in and a requisition comes in to the treasurer. When a requisition comes to the treasurer duly signed by the commander in chief and the adjutant general all he has got to do is to obey orders and pay it. It required all that $4,000 with what interest we had on hand to pay up the previous year's bills as well as carry on for this year.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. Do you remember how much there was in the checking account? [Reading from report.] "Cash balance on deposit in the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, $582.73."

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That is the amount that is on hand now in the checking account.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. There will be $2,000 paid in by these donations.

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. That don't go there. That goes into the quartermaster general's general account. There is $28,000 in the permanent fund, $28,300.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. In the general fund, the statement of the 10th of August, in the general fund, $953.03; in the southern memorial account, $2,672.61, making the sum total of the checking account $3,625.64. What is your pleasure as regards giving authority to the quartermaster to draw from the permanent fund such sufficient funds as he may need up to a certain amount to carry on in the checking account?

Comrade FOSTER. I will put that as a motion.

Comrade NELSON. $3,000.

Comrade FOSTER. Not to exceed $3,000.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. A sum not exceeding $3,000 be drawn out of the permanent fund for the checking account.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. Authority is given, the motion would be then that the authority is given the quartermaster general to draw from the permanent fund a sum not to exceed $3,000. Is that the question? All in favor of that will say "aye." Contrary, "no." (Carried.)

Comrade SWARTZ. It will be necessary for this council of administration to make an appropriation for publishing the Proceedings of the National Department for the past year.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. We will come to that right here now. Here is a matter that wants to be approved by this council.

that the executive committee consist of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, and five members of the council of administration to be appointed by the commander in chief. That is the rule we have followed for some time. If that meets your approval, those in favor will say "aye." Contrary, "no." (Carried.)

Next, resolved, that for the purposes hereinafter enumerated, the appropriation of the sums as set forth are hereby approved for the ensuing year. We have approved all of those. That the bond of the adjutant general be fixed at the sum of $1,000. I have an idea that as the adjutant general has not any money to handle, it is not necessary for him to give a bond of any such amount.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Got it for $2.50 for $1,000 for the past year.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. Yes; and the national encampment had to pay it. Do you want to change that any?

Comrade FOSTER. I think not.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. That the bond of the quartermaster general be fixed in the sum of $5,000, and that both said bonds be executed by surety companies and the expense be paid by the national encampment. Those in favor of that section remaining will say "aye." Contrary? (Carried.)

The retiring commander in chief be paid $200 for editing the Proceedings of the Sixty-sixth National Encampment.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. I move that be approved.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. All in favor will say "aye." Contrary, "no." (Carried.)

That the compensation for the official reporter be fixed at $200.

Comrade SWARTZ. I move that his compensation be fixed at $200.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. All in favor of that will please say "aye." Contrary? (Carried.)

That the quartermaster general be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay any ordinary and necessary expenses arising during the ensuing year not herein provided for. You want to adopt that?

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. I move we adopt it.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. All those in favor will say "aye." Contrary, "no." (Carried.) I think now that is all.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. No; commander in chief, there is one item that has been forgotten. I don't recall whether it should have been acted on by the last council or the executive committee. That is an appropriation of $500 which is customary to the retiring commander in chief.

Adjutant General BRAINARD. Commander in chief, as adjutant general—I am not speaking in a selfish way at all, but as he has no responsibility—of course that is passed on now—I don't see why any expense should be paid for a bond. In regard to this question that is just brought up, under the circumstances and the condition of our funds and the country at large and our allied organizations who have made every effort to raise money for us, I think it is presumptuous to pay any such sum. That is my opinion.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. What is your pleasure in this regard, comrades?

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. I made that motion.

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. I second that motion.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. Here is motion made by Comrade Hambright last year:

I would make the motion that the retiring commander in chief be authorized to prepare——

Comrade FOSTER. There was nothing of that kind last year.

Past Commander in Chief JEWEL. For your information I want to say I have been on the council of administration since 1920, I believe, excepting one year—also several years on the executive committee. This question of donation of $500 has never been brought before the council of administration or the executive committee, but it has been a standing rule throughout the entire existence of the Grand Army of the Republic that a donation is made to the commander in chief in view of the fact that he gives the whole year to the work of the Grand Army and he receives no salary; and I know from my own personal experience that the amount of money that the commander in chief has been drawing for his expenses has rarely, if ever, paid his expenses.

I know it did not begin to pay my expenses, and I paid them out of my own pocket. For years they have followed out this custom of donating to the retiring commander in chief $500. I do not think it is necessary, but in view of the fact that Comrade Town was so delicate about this matter and would not take the money unless it was appropriated, I think that the motion that Comrade Hambright made and I seconded should be put and carried and then there can be no question about it.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. All in favor of the motion will please say "aye." Contrary, "no." It is so ordered.

Is there any other business that should come before this council? The appointment of the executive committee and the other officers, inspector, and so forth, I will have to take my time to consider them before I make the appointments. If there is anything for the good of the order; and, comrades, I want to say to you right now that in all my communications that I have, or anything pertaining to any one department, that I think that I want a little advice about I shall write to the members of the council in that department. You will be my eyes and my ears in that department, and I am going to ask you all to not hesitate a moment in communicating with me anything that you may desire, either for me to do or not to do—in any of the departments.

I will say right now I am president of the board of directors of the Memorial Hall in Chicago. We have the second floor of a very large building, a very handsome building. The State paid us $32,000 to decorate it, so the furniture is all the very best and the very finest. We have a very fine museum there. We have a lease to the Grand Army of the Republic till 1948. In 1948 we give up our rights to the building—that is, if there are any of us left to give it up. But the memorial in the corner of the building is to be a Memorial Hall forever. That room is quite large and is already filled up very extensively with nothing but what is pertaining to the

Civil War. We have General Grant's saddle; we have General Sherman's coat, and all those kind of things—Sheridan's spurs, and that kind of thing.,

About a month ago one of the directors of the association said, "Why, I hear that the president of the association is a candidate for commander in chief." I told him to cut that out; they had nothing to do with that at all. Well, they said they had one thing to do about it; that should I be elected the hall opposite the assistant adjutant general's room of the department should be given over to the national encampment free of any expense. So we have a very fine hall there for the headquarters of the national encampment.

Comrade FOSTER. Then we address you at Memorial Hall?

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. At Memorial Hall, Chicago.

Comrade Arensberg, we are very much obliged to you for your advice.

Comrade GOODRICH. I think we ought to give a vote of thanks to Comrade Arensberg for his services.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. That is what we pay him for.

Comrade FOSTER. I am going to presently move that we adjourn subject to the call of the commander in chief. But before separating I want to say that our commander in chief has been for a number of years, as most of you know, connected with this council of administration and has acted as its chairman since the death of Comrade Towler. I want to express, commander in chief, the gratification that I know all of us feel at the very great compliment that has been paid to our former chairman of this body in electing him commander in chief by acclamation.

Comrade SWARTZ. I want to second that motion.

Comrade FOSTER. I move that we adjourn subject to the call of the commander in chief.

Comrade BECKER. Before you adjourn, I would like to say I am from St. Paul. I am the adjutant general of the State of Minnesota, and all of you that have any communications to make, write to me. I have some cards here that I will be pleased to hand you with my address. That is all I happen to have in my pocket. I would be very glad and pleased to hear from you.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. What is your address in St. Paul?

Comrade BECKER. State Capitol, 231 State Capitol.

Commander in Chief WRIGHT. I will get in communication with you right away. There is a motion that we now adjourn. All in favor will say "aye." Contrary, "no." We are adjourned.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES, THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, AT SPRINGFIELD, ILL., SEPTEMBER 18, 1932

The thirteenth annual conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies was called to order by the president, Miss Grace Hurd, at 3.30 p. m., September 18, 1932, in the palm room of the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, Ill. The meeting was opened with prayer and singing of "America."

President Hurd welcomed the members and friends assembled in the name of the Federated Societies and thanked her officers and past officers for the help they had given her during the year.

Roll call found voting members present:

Grand Army of the Republic	6
Woman's Relief Corps	7
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic	10
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War	4
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War	2
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War	4

With a large number of interested visitors.

President presented her report for the year which was received with much enthusiasm.

The minutes of the 1931 conference were read by the Secretary and approved.

Report of Vice President Holbrook received.

The secretary-treasurer read the annual report and presented a statement of the financial condition of the societies, which was approved:

Financial statement

Balance as of September, 1931: (Amount held by Commercial Bank of Toledo which bank had been closed)		$197.46
RECEIPTS		
Woman's Relief Corps	$25.00	
Ladies of the G. A. R	25.00	
Daughters of Veterans	25.00	
Sons of Veterans	25.00	
Auxiliary to Sons of Veterans	25.00	
		125.00
		322.46
DISBURSEMENTS		
Printing stationery and postage for mailing same	17.53	
Printing general letter for distribution to departments and individuals	5.00	
Printing letters and postcards for annual meeting and banquet	8.50	
Postage and wires	8.50	
		39.53
Balance, held by Commercial Bank of Toledo	145.23	
Cash held by Treasurer	137.70	
		282.93

Letters were read from Brother Pratt, past national president of Federated, expressing his regret at not being at the meeting and extending greetings to all. Also from past commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, Pelham A. Barrows.

Past Secretary, Miss Johnson, asked that she be permitted to present a resolution to the Federated. President Hurd stated if there were no objections this matter would be taken up later.

Reports from the different departments were then called for. Mrs. Pauley presented a report from Indiana Federation, stating in detail the plans they intended carrying out with reference to a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic. She stated that Col. J. Henninger was present and requested that he be called upon. Colonel Henninger asked that he be excused and stated that Mrs. Pauley had said everything and that he would be glad to respond some time later when he learned more about the work.

Past National President Lillian Clark Cary stated that Iowa had been very successful in its work this year and many units had been formed in that department and a great deal of interest manifested in the Federation. She stated that having served as national president of the Federated last year she was very much enthused with the interest shown and being a charter member she was deeply interested. She stated that never in the history of our country was there such a call for patriotic men and women as there is to-day. She asked where could there be found an organization of more loyal and courageous members and stated that Iowa department was proud to be a member of the national Federated.

Mrs. Anna Bennett reported that Kansas had been federated for 4 years and would continue to carry on.

A written report was submitted from Missouri, stating in part that since the last encampment a unit had been formed in St. Joseph and one in St. Louis, making three units in that department. All units observed patriotic holidays and at the convention the conference was well attended and much enthusiasm displayed and every effort was being put forth to organize other units before next encampment.

Mrs. Buhler reported that New York could not hold meeting owing to port of Albany celebration. Members present voted to hold officers over.

Past Secretary Miss Grace Johnson reported for Ohio stating that a most instructive meeting was held at their State convention. It had been customary to hold the meetings on Monday afternoons, but this year the meeting was held on Sunday and was followed by a banquet, and they had a very lovely get-together meeting. Miss Johnson then presented the following resolution for the consideration of the national Federated:

We, the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, in convention assembled, do hereby adopt the following resolutions and request that the legislative committees of the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic frame such necessary laws and present to the general assembly of the States of the Union: Be it

Resolved, That the various public and private burial associations of the States report to some office in the county seat of their respective county the names of all deceased soldiers of the Civil War, the date of birth, date of death, and the place of burial. Be it further

Resolved, That the undertaker report to the county seat the date of the burial of all deceased soldiers buried by him, together with the date of birth, date of his death, and place of burial, together with his military record so far as possible.

President Hurd stated that the resolution presented would be taken under consideration for action immediately after the reports from departments were concluded.

A member from the Department of Rhode Island stated that on leaving home their president had requested her to report for her organization. She stated that as the work expected of their organization was not quite clear to its members she had been instructed to attend the meeting of the national Federated and listen attentively to the reports of the other departments, which, she stated, she had found very instructive. She stated that Rhode Island was doing everything possible for the comrades and, although a small department and at times very difficult to raise the funds with which to carry on the work, yet they still had the spirit to work for the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Haskell said Mrs. Moss reported for the Departments of Washington and Alaska, stating that they had a splendid meeting at Olympia. They stated that the work is going forward and they hoped to have something better to report at the next meeting. Minnesota reported no new units but work going on; hoped to report better work next year.

Colorado and Wyoming reported that at the late encampment it became evident that a federation was essential, and an effort was made to get together the heads of the organizations. However, only two organizations were officially represented and, being unable to get a unanimous vote, the plan was held in abeyance, but they hoped to report a federation next year.

There being no further units to be heard from, President Hurd stated that action was to be taken on the resolution which had been presented by Miss Johnson. A comrade from Wichita, Kans., Comrade Griffith, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a comrade from Illinois, and a member from Rhode Island took part in the discussion on this resolution and gave us some very valuable information with respect to the care of the veterans' graves and the procedure necessary in order to have the records of deceased veterans available for reference. Quite a lengthy discussion followed the presentation of the resolution. A motion was made by Miss Raynor, seconded by Mrs. Cary, that this resolution be adopted.

(The motion was carried.)

The letter which had previously been read by the secretary from past commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, Pelham A. Barrows, suggesting a change in the name of the Federated was brought before the meeting for action. A motion was regularly made and seconded that this communication be laid on the table and brought up at some future time for action.

(This motion was carried.)

The recommendation of President Hurd, embodied in her report, that the dues of the affiliated organizations be reduced to $10 for one year, was placed before the meeting for action, and upon mo-

tion of Mrs. Grandle, of Kansas, seconded by several, this recommendation was adopted.

Commander in Chief Town was presented to the conference at this time by our president, who stated that we were honored to have him with us at our meeting. Commander Town responded and referred to the rare privilege which had been accorded the Grand Army of the Republic and the affiliated orders to visit the shrine of the Commander in Chief of the Union Army, Abraham Lincoln. He thanked the Federated Societies for the part they had taken in paying tribute at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln, for the beautiful floral offerings which had been presented, and the beautiful American flag which was to be placed in the tomb.

A resolution was presented by Mrs. Durck to the effect that the Federated Societies petition the President of the United States to embody in his Thanksgiving proclamation a call to the people to display the American flag on Thanksgiving Day. Motion was made by Miss Raynor, seconded by several, that this resolution be adopted.

(The motion was carried.)

As the time was getting short and as it was necessary to hold election of officers before adjourning for the banquet, President Hurd presented the president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Anna Pool Atwood; president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Helen M. Lehman; president of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Mrs. Harriet J. Goetz; commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, the Rev. Frank Huston; and the president of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans, Mrs. Wilma L. Combs. Commander in Chief Huston asked that he be permitted to mention two matters which were uppermost in his mind at the time. He stated that in years past much time had been wasted by members of the organizations who were sent out with greetings by reason of the committees reaching the conventions at times when it was impossible for them to be admitted because of urgent business being transacted at the time they sought admission. Not only the time of the convention was taken up but the time of the committees, whose members should be at their respective meetings. This year, however, a plan was to be carried out for the committees to carry greetings between 2 and 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday. He stated that this was as it should be and he hoped the committees would adhere to this plan not only this year but in the future.

His second thought was regarding the department encampments. He stated it had been impossible for him to visit many of the encampments held in the departments because many of them were called to meet on the same dates. He stressed the necessity for some action to be taken regarding this matter and felt that by cooperation on the part of the different departments some definite plan might be adopted whereby it would be possible for the executives to visit each department encampment.

President Hurd stated that the next order of business was the election of officers and declared the meeting open for the nomination of president. Miss Kate Raynor, of Ohio, representing the Woman's Relief Corps, was nominated by Mrs. Basham, of Iowa, and seconded by several. There being no further nominations a motion was made and carried that the secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for Miss Raynor. The president declared Miss Raynor elected

as president for the ensuing year. Miss Raynor thanked the members for the honor conferred upon her.

Mrs. Wilma L. Combs, of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, was nominated by Mrs. Ida B. Lange, of New York, for vice president. Mrs. Combs was unanimously elected to this office and accepted very graciously.

Mrs. Emily J. Tompkins was again elected to the office of secretary treasurer, she having served but one year of the three which it is expected the secretary-treasurer will serve.

Mrs. Sill, of Illinois, was nominated by Mrs. Tompkins as patriotic instructor. Mrs. Sill was unanimously elected to this office.

The offices of patriotic instructor and chaplain having been added to the official staff by an amendment to the by-laws presented at the 1931 conference and reported at the meeting of 1932.

Brother Huston of the Sons of Veterans was nominated for chaplain and unanimously elected.

Sister Ehrmann suggested that the Federated elect a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic as honorary president. This suggestion was put in the form of a motion regularly seconded and carried. Mrs. Tompkins nominated Past Commander in Chief Louis F. Arensberg, who was unanimously elected to this honorary office.

Mrs. Basham suggested that it be the duty of the patriotic instructor to see that we always have the American flag in the room during our meeting.

The attention of the president was called to the fact that the growth of the Federated made it necessary that the by-laws be revised and it was suggested that a committee be appointed to revise the by-laws and submit same for adoption at the next meeting. It was suggested that Miss Hurd act as chairman of the committee. Miss Raynor the newly elected president was called upon to appoint a committee and Miss Hurd was immediately appointed chairman. The meeting closed with the repetition of the American's Creed and 132 guests adjourned to the ballroom where tables beautifully decorated awaited them. Miss Hurd acted as toastmistress and very graciously introduced the organization heads in accordance with the following program:

Grace: "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer"
"Battle Hymn of the Republic" (Howe)----------Audience
"The Allied Orders"----------Mr. Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic
"The Grand Army of the Republic"
Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, Wollaston, Mass.
National President, Woman's Relief Corps
"Fraternity"----------Mrs. Helen M. Lehman, New York, N. Y.
National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
"Charity"----------Mrs. Willma L. Combs, Des Moines, Iowa
National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
"Loyalty"----------Mrs. Harriett J. Goetz, Buffalo, N. Y.
National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
"The Tie that Binds"----------Mr. Frank C. Huston, Knightstown, Ind.
Commander in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
"The Future"----------The newly elected President
Pledge to the flag
"America"
Benediction: "May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent, one from the other"

The meeting adjourned that all might attend the joint memorial services to be held by the Grand Army of the Republic and affiliated organizations.

Supplemental report of the treasurer

Balance on hand as of Sept. 18, 1932:		
Held by Commercial Bank of Toledo	$145.23	
Held by treasurer	137.70	
		$282.93
Receipts, over and above banquet expenses		22.50
		305.42
Disbursements:		
Miss Hurd, postage for year	3.00	
Banner, printing programs	6.88	
Typing reports	5.00	
		14.88
		290.54

The foregoing minutes of the thirteenth annual conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic are approved as the official record of said conference.

GRACE HURD, *President.*
EMILY J. TOMPKINS, *Secretary.*

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CAMP FIRE AND PARADE

RECEPTION AND SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, HELD IN THE ARSENAL, SPRINGFIELD, ILL., MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 19, 1932

Mr. Cornelius J. Doyle, chairman.

Lieut. Col. Owsley Brown, general chairman. Commander Town, distinguished officers of the auxiliaries, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and members of the auxiliary; I arise in my capacity as the chairman of the local committee to introduce to you the man who will have charge of the further proceedings this evening. This man is one of Springfield's most distinguished citizens. He has served as secretary of state for Illinois, he has also been most prominent in business affairs, and he is now the legal adviser of one of the great insurance associations of the United States. I introduce to you Mr. Cornelius J. Doyle.

Chairman Doyle. Mr. General Chairman, Commander in Chief Town, officers of the auxiliary associations in our patriotic endeavors, but above all to-night members of the Grand Army of the Republic:

The men of the Revolution created the Republic. The men of the Grand Army of the Republic and their comrades preserved for us this Republic. [Applause.] These comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic are the trustees and keepers of the memory of those comrades you left scattered upon a hundred battlefields of the southland. You and they performed a great service to your country. You have lived to see the sons of the men who wore the blue and the men who wore the gray join under one flag in the Spanish-American War against a foreign foe. You have seen the grandsons of the men who wore the blue and the men who wore the gray travel over 3,000 miles of ocean waves to carry that flag which you returned to us in sixty-five without a single star obscured and not a stripe sullied—back again after the armistice in triumph and glory. [Applause.]

Those who follow me in their welcome of the Grand Army and these kindred societies and guests will tell you how welcome you are and how appropriate, indeed, it is that you should come here with your sixty-sixth annual encampment to the place where the great Commander in Chief of that day and time lies sleeping his last sleep. Illinois gave to the Nation that wise, patriotic Chief Magistrate who seems to stand, as it were, head and shoulders above all other men. [Applause.] Illinois's foremost citizen, humanity's greatest earthly benefactor—Abraham Lincoln. [Applause.]

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, on your brow we place the laurel wreath of victory; in your hand we give the olive branch of peace; at your feet we cast the everlasting gratitude of 120,000,000 of American citizens in the name of the Republic you saved. [Applause.]

The invocation will now be given by the Rev. Frank Huston, commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans of the Union Army. I ask that the audience please rise and remain standing in their places at the conclusion of the invocation until we have the rendition of the American anthem, the Star-Spangled Banner.

Rev. Frank C. Huston, commander in chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Let us pray. Our dear Father in heaven, we are glad for the inclination of heart and mind that prompts us to pause at this time in the program and beseech Thee for Thy blessing upon this meeting. And we thank Thee that we are privileged to live in a land which Thou hast blessed so abundantly. We thank Thee for all of these good gifts which are ours, and we want to praise Thee not only with our lip service, but we want to praise Thee with our lives. So we shall not be content tonight to just utter these words, but we want to pledge ourselves anew under Thee that we shall do our part and be workers together with Thee to carry out Thy great purposes for our beloved land.

We thank Thee for those who have made such noble sacrifices in order that Thy purposes might be accomplished. We pray that Thy continued blessing may be upon them. Bless us in this hour of service, that whatsoever may be the activity or the thought of the hour; it shall be such as shall be an honor to Thee and for the betterment of our beloved land.

Bless, we pray Thee, Commander Town. He has been the recipient of so many prayers throughout this land during his administration, and we thank Thee that he has been kept in virility of body and mind to lead this great host of the Grand Army of the Republic, not so many in numbers as they once were, but still strong in their devotion to the things which have made under Thee, America the beautiful.

And so bless us in this hour of service, him who shall preside in every activity of the hour, and every cause and every home and community represented. We thank Thee that we are privileged to meet in this city made sacred by the dust of one of Thy wonderful servants. And we pray that from our gatherings here we shall go to our several homes and there in deed and in truth live out the inspiration and gratitude which has been ours and which has been awakened by our visitation in this beautiful city. And we ask and offer all in that name which is above every name—Jesus, Thy Son and our Savior. Amen.

(Star-Spangled Banner.)

Chairman Doyle. We are indeed pleased to present to you at this time a distinguished member of the cabinet of Governor Emmerson, who will deliver to you the address of welcome on behalf of the State of Illinois. It is entirely seemly that he should have been selected for this address of welcome on the part of the State. His is a military heritage of which he has reason to be proud. He has a record in the military service that will always be of comfort and satisfaction to his patriotic heart. His father saw service in the Mexican War in the great battles of Churubusco and Chapultepec, and saw the Stars and Stripes planted upon the ancient halls of the Montezumas. It was natural that he should learn the lesson of patriotism from such a patriotic father, and

when the call came in the Spanish-American War, he was one of the first to offer his services. And again he left home, friends, and profession and tendered his services in behalf of the flag and our institutions in the great World War. Dr. Andy Hall, director of public health, of Illinois. [Applause.]

Dr. Andrew Hall. Mr. Chairman, Commander Town, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, ladies of the Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, in behalf of the Governor of Illinois, Louis Lincoln Emmerson, I bid you welcome to our capital city. While feeling keenly my own shortcomings in this capacity, yet as the son of a veteran who has always been in thorough accord with your high ideals and patriotic principles, I deem it a great honor to be selected to welcome to Springfield the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations. While your ranks indeed have been thinned by the unalterable laws of life, yet your spirit marches forward undimmed by the passage of time.

Here in this city lived and grew into greatness the man around whom revolved from the beginning to its successful close the mighty conflict that made possible your organization. In this city was commissioned and sent forth the stalwart commander who brought victory to the Union arms. Here was conceived the idea out of which grew the Grand Army of the Republic. Here lived your comrade, Dr. B. F. Stephenson, who wrote the original ritual and was the founder of your order. Here took place the convention out of which the grand order grew.

I welcome you, then, not as a stranger but as a friend and the master of the house who has returned from a long journey. In you and in those prompted by the high motives and immortal principles upon which your organization is built, we would gladly and confidently repose the destinies of this fair State. To you was intrusted, some three score and ten years ago, the very life and safety of the Union itself. That you unselfishly, patriotically, and courageously discharged your duties at that time is evidenced by the intrepid valor you displayed upon a thousand bloody battlefields from Bull Run to Appomattox. Now, in the fullness of time, you have become a part of the greatest Nation that ever flourished upon the earth. To you and your comrades belongs the glory for that achievement.

Take the period of our greatest development, from 1860 to 1900, and call over the splendid roll of those who have been acclaimed by our country during that period; those who attained national stature and gravitated into high places of both State and Nation, and practically all, living or dead, served under the Stars and Stripes during the great Civil War. A grateful Nation honored them while living and a grateful Nation consecrates their memory when dead.

Had rebellion, secession, and treason succeeded in planting two nations upon our soil, one with its capitol at Washington and the other at Richmond, one free and the other slave, the inevitable history of our country would have been perpetual conflict and disorder. Domestic difficulties and foreign intrigue fattening upon the inflammable subject of human slavery would have made of us the

breeding ground of strife and conflict instead of a monumental power for world peace and tranquillity.

In Illinois you breathe the very atmosphere of patriotism, liberty, and freedom, the great principles upon which the Grand Army of the Republic is built. Here in Illinois lived Elijah P. Lovejoy, whose burning passion for universal liberty and freedom caused his martyrdom at the age of 35. Yet in the few years that he lived, with voice and pen he kindled the fires that left in its dying embers the last vestige of human slavery.

Illinois was the home of Abraham Lincoln. Here he lived and toiled and developed. Here he grew into a brilliant lawyer, a peerless orator, a champion of human liberty, and a wise statesman. When treason and rebellion threatened to destroy our Nation, Illinois was glad to turn him over to the Federal Government as a skillful pilot whose steady hand and clear vision could steer the old Ship of State through four years of stormy seas and back into the safe harbor of a solid Union without the loss of a single star. [Applause.]

Here almost within the shadow of the capitol lie the remains of that noble man. His tomb is a perpetual shrine and mecca to thousands of pilgrims from all over the world. The ideals of Lincoln and his great love and passion for the Union would have been as dust and ashes, however, without the work which was so nobly done by you and your comrades. [Applause.]

Nor was the able pilot the only gift of Illinois to the Nation in her hour of distress and need. She furnished likewise that great silent commander, that leader of leaders, the hero of Fort Donelson, of Vicksburg, and Appomattox, Ulysses S. Grant. [Applause.] In the galaxy of gallant commanders from Illinois also appears the name of Gen. John A. Logan [applause], a volunteer soldier, idol of the ranks, and beloved by his comrades. It was he who while commander of the Grand Army of the Republic designated May 30 as Memorial and Decoration Day.

Rich as it was in the gift of leaders, this alone did not measure the full strength of devotion to the cause of the Union and to the cause of liberty which was found in Illinois. At the first call for volunteers to suppress open rebellion the patriotic sons from Illinois answered: "We are coming, Father Abraham, three hundred thousand strong." They came from the farms, the school rooms, the shops, and the factories. They donned the uniform of blue and marched off to the southland, many of them never to return. Every call was answered. Every quota was filled. In addition to this, entire companies and battalions were organized in Illinois and mustered into service in other States to help fill their quotas. According to records, there were 256,297 enlistments from Illinois, a number equivalent to fully 15 per cent of the State's population at that time. In equal proportion the World War would have taken a million men instead of 322,000 from Illinois.

These references are made in no spirit of boastful vanity. They come rather from a heart that throbs with respect and admiration for you who brought victory in 1865 and who have since that time stood steadfast in the faith of freedom, liberty, loyalty, and union. [Applause.] From every loyal State came gallant leaders and thou-

sands of brave men. I mention the contributions of Illinois in order to remind you that we have earned the privilege of bringing you to Springfield. As a native son of Illinois, proud of her history, I welcome you here.

Chairman DOYLE. To many of us it seems but only yesterday when we view from afar the great conflagration of war that was to disrupt and destroy the nations of Europe. America, always a peace-loving nation, had hoped and hoped and hoped in vain, that the bitterness of the dregs of the cup of war might not be pressed to her lips. But it was not to be. America discovered that there was a state of war existing between the central powers of Europe and America. At that great hour it called for the flower of young manhood, and they responded as the men of the flag have always responded; and so it is entirely appropriate, I think, that you should hear from one who was a member of that great army of the World War, a young man who has been called to the great responsibilities of chief executive of this city. His personality and his generous nature have endeared him to our people. He has gained and held their confidence. His administration is of such a character that we anticipate that he will go further yet in the service of the public. It is my pleasure to present to you the mayor of the city of Springfield, John W. Knapp, jr.

Mayor JOHN W. KNAPP, Jr. Commander in Chief Town, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the auxiliaries of the G. A. R., members of the G. A. R., and other friends, you have gathered in Springfield this week to do honor to those who offered their lives to protect our Nation and our homes during the Civil War. For some the supreme sacrifice was accepted on the battlefield. Others have since passed to the great beyond. It is to honor our illustrious dead and to again meet the living that the Sixty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic has been called to order in Abraham Lincoln's beloved Springfield, Ill. [Applause.]

It is altogether fitting and proper that the national reunion this year should be held in the city in which Abraham Lincoln lived, earned a livelihood as a struggling lawyer and great statesman, married and was elected to the presidency of the United States, and which city is now the last resting place of our immortal President. It is also fitting and proper that the Sixty-sixth National Encampment be held in Springfield this year, as Springfield is the cradle of the Grand Army of the Republic. Here it was founded in 1866 by Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, for whom Post No. 30 of Springfield, Ill., was named.

This city more than any other in the United States has grown up with the principles of Abraham Lincoln—that is, that all men are created equal and that special privileges have no place in our Government.

Springfield is rich in the traditions of the Civil War. It was in Springfield that Ulysses S. Grant became a soldier and started a career step by step up the military ladder until President Lincoln called him East in the year 1864 to take supreme command of all the northern forces. Within a year the Confederacy crumbled.

The finest tribute which can be paid to the survivors of the Grand Army of the Republic is to emulate them and their departed com-

rades in service for the Nation. As mayor of the city of Springfield I am proud and happy to come to you this evening to extend to you the most warm and most cordial greetings.

Springfield is proud of this encampment visit and is grateful to Commander H. B. Davidson and his associates of Stephenson Post of the G. A. R., who have cooperated with others in bringing the encampment to this city. Springfield feels a joyous responsibility in extending a cordial welcome to the Grand Army and to your distinguished Commander in Chief Samuel P. Town. [Applause.]

In honor of the flag for which you fought in the Civil War and the flag for which I fought in the World War, may I quote these well-known words:

To her we drink, to her we pray,
Our voices silent never;
For her we'll fight, let come what may——
The Stars and Stripes forever.

[Applause.]

Chairman Doyle. Illinois has long been one of the most conspicuous departments of the Grand Army of the Republic. As has been told to you, a part of the history at the inception of this great organization and its birth took place in Illinois. It is therefore most appropriate that at this time we hear from the commander of the Department of Illinois, Commander Henry C. First. [Applause.]

Comrade Henry C. First, of Rock Island, commander of the Department of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, comrades, ladies and gentlemen, a good many years have passed since we sang the song "We are Coming, Father Abraham, Three Hundred Thousand Strong." We are not that strong to-day. For most of our comrades taps have sounded. They have been gathered to the eternal camping ground.

But the Grand Army of the State of Illinois bids you welcome to Illinois, bids you welcome to the last resting place of Father Abraham. Illinois has already welcomed you. Illinois is the center of the United States. It is the hub around which the United States revolves, and it is the hub of the Grand Army. We bid you welcome.

You followed the intrepid Lincoln. You followed to the end of the conflict Ulysses S. Grant. The Grand Army of the State of Illinois bids you a hearty welcome. Thank you. [Applause.]

(Hail to the Chief. Band.)

Chairman Doyle. The members of the Grand Army of the Republic and those whom the membership have chosen from time to time to guide the affairs of this unique and patriotic order present high on its roll of honor the names of many who are known throughout the length and breadth of the land. The Grand Army of the Republic is the most unique organization in the history of our country or our world. Its membership limited from the beginning to those who served the Union cause in the sixties; hence the limitation means that from the very beginning of its birth the finger of death was upon it. So that when the last member of the Grand Army of the Republic shall have gone to his reward it will cease as an active organization.

But its records, its mighty deeds, and the sacrifices made will always be retained by these auxiliaries of the Sons of Veterans, Wo-

man's Relief Corps and others whose patriotic hearts are attuned to carry on to generations yet unborn. So long as reverence for the protecting folds of that flag endure, so long as Americans are the product of America, so long will the deeds and valor and sacrifices of the men of the Union armies remain in the minds and hearts of a loyal and an appreciative Republic.

Among those who have been called to the high honor of commander in chief was one whose name has been mentioned, beloved throughout Illinois and the Nation. The great outstanding thing in that administration was when Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, as commander in chief, issued Order No. 11 to set aside one day in the year to be known as Memorial Day, the day when our tears are mingled with the glorious rays of the sun where the soldiers who have answered the last roll call sleep their last sleep pillowed upon nature's sward, where the fragrance from the blossoms of the flowers is an incense from the hearts of true Americans, and where the little flag is given to the breeze in memory of the one who lies forever sleeping. [Applause.] And so on Memorial Day will continue, continue on so long as the Republic shall last; and it is a great honor indeed to be conferred upon any of this great membership through confidence, affection, and love to be called to the high position of commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

To-night you are waiting to hear one who was so called, and I now take great pleasure and consider it a great honor to present the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Samuel P. Town. [Applause, the audience rising.]

Commander in Chief Samuel P. Town. No words of mine can adequately express the appreciation of the words of welcome that have been extended to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic by the representative of the governor of the great State of Illinois, the mayor of this loyal city of Springfield, and the commander of the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic of Illinois.

I have just come a few minutes ago from another gathering, probably not quite as large as I see before me, but composed entirely of women, members of the Woman's Relief Corps, and I come into this beautiful building and I find this great audience, composed I have no doubt of many citizens of Springfield. It occurs to me what a lesson of loyalty and patriotism could be taught if other sections of our country could just witness assemblages of this character.

I want to assure the gentlemen that have so beautifully expressed themselves in words of welcome to the Grand Army of the Republic that I speak for every comrade when I say that they came from all parts of this great Nation of ours—from away in the East, Maine, to the western coast, California. And they were inspired to come here for the sole reason that the recollection of our great Commander in Chief Abraham Lincoln, his memory, and knowing that they would have the opportunity of visiting his tomb and the house in which he lived would amply repay them for this visit across the country.

I say this knowingly, for I had an opportunity to visit your city in January last for the purpose of making arrangements for this present encampment; and I assure you that the inspiration I felt from the time I put my feet in your city of Springfield was a feeling that had never inspired me before. When I went into the home of

Abraham Lincoln, was shown through that house, through the sitting room and the dining room and sat on a chair that Abraham Lincoln had in years gone by occupied, put my feet under the table on which he had eaten his meals, it was an inspiration never to be forgotten; and I know that every comrade, who comes here on this occasion and avails himself of those same opportunities, will go hence from here with a feeling that his trip to Springfield will never be forgotten.

Now those comrades and others that had the opportunity and the privilege of visiting the tomb of Lincoln yesterday, taking part in the ceremonies, can never forget that day. I say without fear of contradiction that there will never be an assemblage of such a character as was at the tomb of Lincoln yesterday by any order or any congregation of people in this country or any other country. The different ceremonies that were there yesterday, the placing of the wreath by the representative of the Grand Army of the Republic, the representative of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Veterans, the Sons of Veterans, and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the dedication of the flag by the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the distribution of 250 wreaths around that vast tomb by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War [applause]—this picture to my mind will never be forgotten. It will always be before me, and if I needed any inspiration to further my patriotic spirit it would certainly be kindled.

So I want to assure you, gentlemen, that for so beautifully welcoming us here, the Grand Army of the Republic to a man fully appreciates your expressions of welcome, and I assure you that our stay in Springfield will be one of constant pleasure to us and of no annoyance to you. [Applause.]

Chairman Doyle. There are times in the recital of the history of wars when we think only of the men. But these comrades of the Grand Army will bear me out in the statement that in every war ofttimes it is the woman who makes the greatest sacrifices. [Applause.]

It is the nurses, the ministering angels in camp and on the field and in the hospital—ah, not they alone that make the sacrifices, even though they faced physical danger and possible death. It is the mother, and the sister, and the wife, who is called upon to bear in great anxiety and suspense the one absent from home following the flag. She is in the war, but devotedly. The hours of agony, and sacrifice they made! The hours when they bade good-by to son and brother and husband, and ofttimes father, when he went with eye alight because he had the courage not to leave those weeping behind! And so it is entirely appropriate that the Grand Army should have the assistance of these noble and patriotic women under the several titles their organizations bear, and I am going to first present to you with pleasure the greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps by Annie Poole Atwood. [Applause.]

Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, president National Woman's Relief Corps. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, representative of his excellency the governor, his honor the mayor, the city committee, honored guests, and friends all, may I in behalf of my organization, the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, thank the State of Illinois

and the city of Springfield for the wonderful hospitality you have extended to us since we came into this fair city. I thank you for your Scout boys [applause]—the boys that are putting forth every effort to make these men comfortable while they are with you.

Boys of Springfield, Ill., for the next week you will be privileged to look into the faces of the men who once made it possible for this country to be a united one. Some day when you grow to be men you will say to your boys and girls that in the city of Springfield, Ill., you saw the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and the old men who fought and saved our flag.

I am holding the hat of the commander in chief, and I am proud to hold his hat. I wish that every boy and girl in the city of Springfield could be privileged to do the same, because the memory of that will go out from this meeting, will be one that will never, never be forgotten.

Here under the very roof tree of that splendid leader of men, Abraham Lincoln, as I said once before to-night, in our hearts we have walked with him, we have talked with him, and we have claimed him as one of our own. And so I thank you again and again for your hospitality. [Applause.]

Chairman Doyle. And now greetings from the ladies of the G. A. R. I take pleasure in presenting for this response, Helen M. Lehman, national president.

Mrs. Helen M. Lehman, national president Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief, comrades, distinguished guests, and friends, I feel that a great privilege has come to me as national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to bring greetings to our commander in chief, Samuel P. Town. I wish for you, Commander in Chief, one of the finest, if not the finest, encampments that has ever been held.

It is very fitting that we should come to Springfield, Ill., the home of Abraham Lincoln, for our encampment.

Comrade Town and comrades, I know how thrilled you must be to know that the members of the allied organization are carrying on the work started so many, many years ago. We are all perpetuating the memory of your comrades. How proud and happy and humble we should be that we were privileged to go to the tomb to-day of the martyred Abraham Lincoln and breathe a silent prayer and bow our heads in gratitude to him and his comrades for this wonderful United States of America that he gave us.

Commander in Chief, I not alone bring to you the greetings of my organization, but I bring to you a gift. But before presenting this gift to you I want to tell a little story that I read recently of Abraham Lincoln. A young boy from the Civil War was court-martialed and sentenced to die, and his mother was taken to Abraham Lincoln to plead for his life. Abraham Lincoln, as we all know, was very gentle, so he granted the life of this young boy to his mother. When she got outside she said to her companion, "I know that copperhead lied. He said, 'What a homely man Lincoln was.' Why," she said, "he was the most beautiful man I have ever seen."

And so, Commander in Chief, I am going to give to you a picture of this beautiful man, one I know that you will love and cherish for

the sentiment that it must have for you [presenting framed photograph of Abraham Lincoln]. And the flag that goes with it, which you fought for, is a personal gift from myself. I thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman Doyle. How beautiful and how gracious and how appropriate. Springfield is proud of many of its organizations, but in none of them do we take more pride in presenting to our friends from a distance than the Sangamo Octet Singers, under the direction of R. Albert Guest.

The Sangamo Octet then sang "Illinois," and "The Bells of St. Mary's," both numbers receiving hearty applause from the audience.

Chairman Doyle. We have a rather long program, but I promise you before it is concluded you will have our Octet Singers back. It is now my very great pleasure to present to you the greetings of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Harriet J. Goetz, national president.

Mrs. Harriett J. Goetz, national president Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Mr. Toastmaster, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, comrades, and friends; it is a great privilege to bring to you the greetings of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. You comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic gave to us a priceless heritage, and one that we will always cherish. Our organization stands for service, and we always cherish and revere the man who wears the little bronze button on the lapel of his coat.

We learned the story of those four years at the knee of our fathers, and we will endeavor as long as we live to tell that story to the boys and girls every place we go.

I am reminded of a little girl who had been listening to her grandfather tell stories of the Civil War one night, and she was quite wrought up with all he had told her. That night they heard her praying and say, "O Lord, make grandma and me as good as Mr. Lincoln. Grandpa is." [Applause.]

And so we Daughters of Union Veterans feel that these comrades deserve all the love that we can lavish on them, and to-night I bring the greetings from these daughters of ours.

Commander in Chief, I have just a little gift to your organization from our organization—a little gift that possibly will help you along the way in your permanent fund, and another little one that will go toward placing flowers on the graves of the soldier dead who lie in the southland. We ask you to accept these with all the love that the daughters can give you. One is for your Grand Army permanent fund and the other for the southern memorial fund.

And, Commander in Chief, while that goes to your organization, your daughters bring to you this little loving cup. It is filled to overflowing with the love of every daughter of a veteran, and as you take this home with you we hope that every time you look at it you will just see reflected in it the smiling faces of 50,000 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief Town. Can you wonder at my feelings to-night at receiving such a beautiful tribute of love and respect from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War? And as a representative of the Grand Army of the Republic I hold in my hand a

check for $500 and another for $300 for the southern memorial fund. I assure you, Mrs. President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, these checks will be taken by me and handed over to the quartermaster general of the Grand Army to be used for the purpose for which they are intended.

(The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War present in a body arose and sang "Let us Call you Sweethearts, Dear Old Boys in Blue.")

Chairman DOYLE. This last was not indicated to the presiding officer, and I only make this comment, that it does not look like the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War know anything about a so-called depression.

Another observation I might make—I know how gracious a candidate our mayor is—had I known this was to be presented to the commander in chief empty I would have sent the mayor home long ago.

Commander in Chief TOWN. I would just like to say to the presiding officer that I have these checks in my pocket. When I leave this hall and walk through the streets of Springfield I know that I will not be molested, although they all know I have them.

Chairman DOYLE. That is because of our reputation, and it is entirely worthy of the guardian of the city, the mayor.

I know it is usually the proud boast of every man that he is captain of his own ship and commander of his own household, and he gives to his fellowmen and neighbors those impressions of his superiority. But I have discovered in the limited experiences of life that every commander has his commander, and I am therefore going to present to this audience at this point for a greeting the wife of the commander in chief, Mrs. Samuel P. Town. [Applause.]

Mrs. TOWN. Mr. Chairman, you know all these Grand Army boys know me, and I am going to say hello to everybody in this hall, because everybody that has come here to-night is a friend of the Grand Army boys. I count them all my pals.

I tell you I am very proud to-night to stand on this platform as the commander to the commander in chief, and I am prouder than if I stood here as the wife of the President of the United States, President Hoover. [Applause.] Because I feel we would not have a President of the United States to-night, nor we would not have a United States if it had not been for these boys in blue. [Applause.] Therefore, I am very happy to stand here as the first lady of the land, because these boys are such wonderful boys in blue.

They call themselves boys. They were young boys. But they are just as sweet in December as they were in May, and I want to tell you I was brought up with loyalty to that flag and that flag is so sacred. And I want to tell you why.

There is no one on earth could have designed that flag without inspiration, and George Washington was inspired to design that flag, and that flag was made, the blue as the canopy of Heaven, the white stars in its blue field that led the wise men of the East and also the boys in the war to their victory. The white stripes are purity and the red stripes represent the beautiful sunsets at night. God has followed it. Therefore, I say it is God's flag. It was George Washington's flag. It is the flag of the United States of America that will never go down. And it is Abraham Lincoln's

flag. He preserved it. It was you boys that helped preserve it. It would not be here if it had not been for our boys in blue. [Applause.]

It has gone to every war. Our Spanish-American boys took it down to Cuba. Our World War boys took it over the ocean, and they brought it back without a stain or a single stripe gone. [Applause.]

Therefore, we reverence that flag. We call it Old Glory. It is everything to us. And I tell you in my home my mother taught us, if you have a home of your own always have Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and the flag of our country, because if you have them in front of you it teaches just what it stands for—charity, loyalty, and reverence to everybody. If you have it before you you can not forget what it is there for.

I wish I had been born when the war was going on. I am not that old, you know. I would have loved to have been overseas with our boys. Nothing would have pleased me better than to have gone over there with our boys. I wished I were a boy during the war. But they said to write to a boy in the World War, and so I did. When he got back he hunted me up and I was more than happy to greet that boy because he was a grandson of a boy in blue. They taught them how to fight and they did it, and I am proud to say I had a son-in-law in the war, a fine fellow to-day who belongs to the Medical Reserve Corps of New York.

So I bid you good night and just throw a kiss to you all. [Applause.]

Chairman Doyle. It is my very great pleasure to present to you the commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Frank C. Huston.

Commander in Chief Frank C. Huston, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Town, gracious hosts, comrades of my father, members of the allied orders, and friends: It is a peculiar delight to be here in Springfield this year. That has been said so many, many times it is becoming very trite. And again you dear boys have been surfeited with the fine things that might be said a thousand times over and then multiplied because of your wonderful service. I think that you boys are not very much concerned about hearing the fine things again which I have said to you upon a good many occasions, but I think that we are all concerned as to what will be the future.

What shall be the inspirations that shall go out from this session of this encampment? As this great magnet of the Grand Army has brought men and women from the far North, East, South, and West, what shall be our purpose after having returned to our homes? It has been my privilege and my purpose this year as I have gone in my official duties to have spoken in 23 States concerning the conditions which confront us at this present hour, and I believe that there ought to go from this encampment at Springfield this inspiration which would more than anything else please these fathers, that shall send each one of us back to our respective fields of activity to carry on these ideals which they have handed down to posterity; and I think these boys would be vastly more concerned, and I am sure that every individual member of the Grand Army family would be concerned about the same thing.

As I have gone over the country I have repeated upon several occasions that poem, The Challenge of the Flag. I have been asked if I would come to Springfield and again repeat that poem. The purpose of that poem, and it was inspired, it came about something like this. I was thinking about what I should say in response as a member, chairman of the fraternal relations committee at the department encampment of the Grand Army. While I was thinking over what I ought to say in the few minutes allotted to me these thoughts came to me and I wrote them down. And here is the message which I trust you will get and which I trust America shall receive every time the individual, these Boy Scouts or any organization whatsoever, or member of any organization, that every time that flag is sighted it shall be to them a challenge for the highest possible type of American citizenship. [Applause.] And so that is the message that I shall try to bring to you again by request of several since I came here, The Challenge of the Flag.

Old Glory, when we look on you, as you are hanging there,
We wonder, could there ever be a banner still more fair?
No other such arrangement of your stripes and stars that gleam,
Could ever be so beautiful, nor holy, it would seem.

As if the God above us all, in looking down could see
Just what our Nation needed most, and what its flag should be,
And guided those who made it so, in ev'ry thought and way,
To make you, glorious banner, just what you are, to-day.

But, far beyond the beauty rare—God only could create,
We recognize in symbol that which makes our Nation great;
No god of gold; no favored class; not selfishness, nor greed;
But, righteousness and brotherhood, this is our Nation's creed.

Within that flag, we see, to-day, embodiment of grace;
The better things of all mankind for all the human race.
The red, there, tells how blood was shed that freemen still be free
How heroes died to usher in these better things to be.

The white, there, tells that for this land no hero dies in vain,
That those who live will ever keep that flag without a stain.
The field of blue, bedecked with stars, a bit of Heaven's dome,
Reflects the glory of our God, who gives us such a home.

Could any banner ever float o'er nation half so blest,
The friend of all the needy world, the hungry and the oppressed?
She brooks no fears; desires no foes; but, advocates the plan
That those who live beneath her folds, should be American.

No hyphenated loyalty can give her honors due,
Allegiance, undivided, that makes a man true blue;
No man can serve two masters; why should one care to try,
While living 'neath the grandest flag that ever graced the sky?

Old Glory, when we see you there, what challenges you bring
To us who know you as you are, and now your praises sing!
You challenge us to lives that tell in high and holy deeds,
To lives of noble thoughts and acts, not merely mouthing creeds.

And, so, we pledge you here, to-day, the best that in us lies,
That you may wave, forevermore, the fairest flag that flies.
We love you, dear old banner bright; God help us each to see
That you are but the symbol of what we, all, ought to be.

[Applause.]

Chairman Doyle. I am sure that every patriotic heart has been thrilled with that beautiful tribute to the flag that has just been given to us by the commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Now I have the very great pleasure of presenting the greetings from the auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Willma L. Combs, national president.

Mrs. Willma L. Combs, national president Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Town, distinguished guests, comrades of the Grand Army, and friends, I am happy indeed to-night to bring you the greetings of the National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We have met here in this beautiful city of Springfield where fraternal atmosphere seems to permeate the air and draw us as members of patriotic organizations closer together. May I as national president extend for my organization our thanks and appreciation for your wonderful hospitality. Everywhere we have turned things have been done for our pleasure and our happiness, and I assure you that this will be a convention long to be remembered.

You comrades of the Civil War represent a generation that is sanctified by service and sacrifice given in behalf of our country. Your relationship to this great country of ours and these glorious United States of America, now the beacon light for all the world and the hope of humanity everywhere, is akin to that of the Fathers of the Revolution. They established the Government, but you, through untold sacrifices, have preserved that Government.

May I assure you that the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, one of the patriotic organizations, will be with the Grand Army of the Republic. We have abiding faith in the ideals of your organization and we pray for strength that we may carry on and strive for a full realization of the principles for which our organization is founded.

Commander in Chief Town. To-night it is my happy privilege to present to you and through you to the members of the National Body of the Grand Army of the Republic this check from the girls of the National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We trust that you will use it any way you wish, and we hope and wish for you and every member of the Grand Army of the Republic years of happiness and contentment.

Commander in Chief Town. There is a bouquet of flowers, and attached to it is an envelope. In that envelope is a check from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans for the benefit of the Grand Army of the Republic. That check is for $500.

Chairman Doyle. I rather suspect now that Commander in Chief Town had something to do with the length of this program, and if it lasts till breakfast time we will have to open the First National Bank to receive his coin.

Now as I promised you a few minutes ago you are again to hear from the Sangamo Octet Singers, under the direction of R. Albert Guest.

(A medley by the singers received hearty applause from the audience.)

And now it is our pleasure to present Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett in response to the greetings of the auxiliary and allied orders.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Mayor, Commander in Chief, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, auxiliary, allied societies, and fellow citizens, I believe that there has not been a single person in this audience to-night but what has concluded that you have witnessed one of the most memorable meetings in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic. I have wanted to come to the city of Springfield, Ill., for many years with the Grand Army of the Republic. When Comrade Inman was commander in chief I sought as an individual to start a movement in that regard. I regret exceedingly that we could not and did not come during his lifetime.

The object lesson that has been taught to you to-night is remarkable in the extreme. I am not going to detain you very long in regard to this matter, but permit me, if you please, to digress a few moments before proceeding with my response to these greetings. I came here from the sister State of Iowa, where I have resided for over 60 years. But I was born in the old town of Keithsburg on the Mississippi River at the western end of Mercer County, Ill. [Applause.] I am proud of the State of my birth, and I am proud of the State of my adoption. While I have been extremely loyal, in my judgment, to the State of my adoption, I have never forgotten the period of time that I lived in the State of Illinois from my birth.

It is said that the history of a nation, of a community, of a locality, is largely made up, if not wholly so, with the biography of its citizenry. Therefore, I trust I may be pardoned in this digression. I will make an announcement at this time that I doubt whether it can be met by a counterproposition at the hands of anybody within the sound of my voice.

When a lad I had the good fortune to attend the Galesburg meeting of the Douglas and Lincoln debate. I went over there with my father as a mere lad, but I remember it distinctly. The circumstances were such that I could not help it. I am a descendant of a slave-holding family. Willett Landing is 75 miles on the meander line on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River southerly from the city of Louisville. It was one of the principal plantations of that part of Kentucky. My grandfather was the owner of many slaves. He raised a family of nine boys and one girl. The girl married a Hoosier and raised a family of Unionists and Abolitionists. Five of the boys came up and settled in Mercer County, Ill., and detested slavery. The others remained in the southland. And Uncle Maxfield inherited the bulk of the slaves under the will of my grandfather, and all he ever realized out of that bunch of at least $50,000 of negroes was the benefit that he got for taking three of those negro boys to Louisville and turning them in as substitutes for his own sons that were drafted into the Federal Army. One of them went into the guerilla band of Quantrell and was killed. The other two went into the regular service of the Southern Confederacy, and one of them was mortally wounded and died at Resaca. The other one came home maimed and blind.

You have seen this evening and heard and observed, doubtless with profit, the line of conduct of the auxiliaries, to whom I will give the balance of my remarks, and can readily see the necessity of such

organizations to the Grand Army of the Republic. If there is any misfortune about it at all it is the misfortune that in the original organization of an organization there should have been but one. But 49 years ago at the national encampment in Denver, Colo., a bunch of women got together and organized the Woman's Relief Corps and tendered their services to the Grand Army of the Republic as an auxiliary and asked admission and recognition before the Grand Army of the Republic. Prior to that time the meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic were tent affairs because most of the places of their meeting there was not room to accommodate them numerically; and they were in the nature of stag parties, and they made a serious mistake until they changed it. And when the change was made, as it was the pleasure of those who attended the banquet of the Woman's Relief Corps this evening at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel—when the change was made, from that time forward the Grand Army of the Republic began to make exceeding additions to their strength numerically and their influence otherwise; and the old adage that this world was not made for man to live alone has been wonderfully verified. The Woman's Relief Corps became thus allied as an auxiliary.

A bevy of women who were intermarried with members of the Grand Army of the Republic at the same time became members of an organization known as the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and they became allied to the Grand Army of the Republic as a social organization, and for many years they continued in that capacity without any other additional organization. The Woman's Relief Corps have financed the Grand Army of the Republic from the beginning, for the 49 years more or less. [Applause.] The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in the fine arts have contributed to the social advancement of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we have profited by both societies in that regard. [Applause.]

Later the Daughters of Union Veterans were organized, and finally after a lapse of many years were accepted as an ally of the Grand Army of the Republic, and they too have helped to finance us from that time forward to the present. [Applause.]

The Sons of Veterans then came to the front and organized as an allied society and have been accepted by the Grand Army of the Republic, and they, following in the footsteps of those organizations, organized an auxiliary among their ladies—their wives and their daughters—and that auxiliary, as you have seen this evening, are helping to finance the Grand Army of the Republic.

The general world of people of the United States have not been fully informed as regards the manner in which the success—the financial success I mean—of the Grand Army of the Republic has been made all these years. But when you come to investigate it and find that behind them they have had the financial aid of these good women, you can see the force and the benefit of it. I distinctly know and remember where the Woman's Relief Corps, to maintain one administration and insure a canvass of the United States at the hands of the commander in chief, contributed a donation of $5,000, and the canvass was made and the major portion of that money was expended and accounted for.

Now, you can see how we have prospered by the beneficial assistance of these ladies and these organizations, and we say to you girls, one and all, and I speak the voice of the comrades generally, we appreciate the fact deeply that you have thus contributed to our welfare socially and financially, to the end that we can exist, as the matter now stands, until there won't be to exceed a corporal's guard left.

Now, isn't that grand and noble? I undertake to say that it is information to you gentlemen that are sitting upon the platform here to-night that have never investigated it or heard it told before.

Now, in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, in behalf of its influence and all that is good and all that is great in that organization which has helped to stabilize this great country of ours since the days of reconstruction, the close of the Civil War, down to the present time, with that sterling integrity of purpose as good citizens, I, in your behalf, thank these noble women for their contribution. [Applause.]

You can readily see that this is not the end. They pledge themselves to continue it until we are dead and gone, and after we are gone they pledge themselves to continue as patriotic organizations in the interests of good citizenship; and I doubt not but what en masse, without a single exception, every one of them is heart and soul against the red flag, communism, and filibustering as against the Stars and Stripes. [Applause.] And again I doubt not but what every one of them maintain the position that no foreigner should be admitted as a citizen in the United States without swearing fealty and obligation to that flag, and that he will defend it if necessary. [Applause.]

Have we a more noble organization? I have had occasion, and I may say, too, because I want to go on record, that in all of my progress and long experience in the Grand Army of the Republic and its workings and in our conventions generally, in the decadence of our numerical strength and position in society, we have universally had the assistance of the Spanish-American War veterans, and later we have in my country had the universal assistance of the American Legion. But I have told the American Legion en masse a number of times, to small and large audiences, "that until you cut out your stag parties and get your auxiliary at work to help finance you, you will never make a shadow of success as an organization." [Applause.] And this is my position, and I am true and right in it.

I do not care to take up your time longer to discuss this matter, because this is extraneous to the subject matter of my making the response to the ladies for their contributions, for their assistance and their loyalty and fervency of character in their affection for the Grand Army of the Republic.

I thank the citizenry in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, its auxiliary and allied organizations in attendance here in this city, from the bottom of my heart for the character of our entertainment and for your cordiality and hospitality. Comrade Town extended those thanks, but I want to have the privilege of saying, "Me, too," and I am proud of the fact that we have come here, even at this late day, to give you an example, to you and your families and your children, of what the Grand Army of the Republic really is and has been.

It has given me great pleasure, and I regret very much, however, that I was not here yesterday. My affairs were such that I missed by 24 hours—I got here this morning at 2 o'clock, going to bed at 3 and arising at 7, and am here to-night. I think that is doing pretty well for a young man.

In conclusion, I extend to you in behalf of all of the visiting members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their associates our hearty congratulations for the success of this encampment thus far, and bespeak for it in its conclusion as one of the most remarkable encampments that we will have ever held. I thank you.

Chairman Doyle. This audience has a real treat in store. I wish you could remain just a few minutes longer. All of us, of course, are regretful that the program was of such length, and yet it was all worth while. Next on this program is a talented artist whose reputation is not bounded by Springfield or Illinois. It is my great pleasure indeed to present to you Miss Margaret Brooks with a tribute to the flag.

Miss Margaret Brooks. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of these United States, members of the Grand Army of this Republic, Mr. Chairman, and ladies and gentlemen, my heart is profoundly moved at this moment with feelings of reverence and a thrill of pride—reverence in the presence of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic of these United States, and a thrill of pride at the sight of that flag.

It is entirely fitting and proper that no tribute to-night to that glorious flag could be given without a tribute to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic who made possible the flag of these United States, who made possible the 48 stars gleaming upon it.

A number of years ago there was a big billboard on which was flashed, "G. A. R. Encampment." An Irishman stepped up and looked at it and said, "Pat, what do the letters G. A. R. stand for?" "Mike, I don't know, but I think they stand for 'Ginerally All Republicans.'" But that is not exactly what they stand for. I think they stand for the grandest army of the Republic of these United States.

So I greet you, and so I praise you, and so I love you. And I feel it the highest honor of all the times that I have been on the platform as a public entertainer and speaker to be on the program of the Grand Army of the United States. My sister is a teacher and she had a large room full of little children where foreigners predominated, and at the time of the World War she was trying to teach the salute to that flag and then follow up with the Star Spangled Banner. What was her consternation to hear one little fellow singing, "Praisa da powda dat maka and preserva dis nation." Well, he had a good thought, poor little foreigner, "Praise the powder that made and preserved us a nation."

So God bless you, God keep you and cause the light of His face to shine on you and help to teach this generation the grandeur of Thy power. God of our Fathers, living yet, lest this younger nation forget the Power that made and preserved us a nation.

By thy meetings and thy encampments and the glory which crowns old age when it is found in the way of righteousness, keep on. Teach them patriotism, teach them preparedness. Teach them peace as

far as within us lies. Teach them to defend their shores. Remember the motto of that great leader, "Be ready." So teach them.

I am to give a tribute to that glorious flag:

Your flag and my flag—
And, oh, how much it holds.
Your land and my land
Secure within its folds.

This flag which we so justly admire to-night is a living thing. It is a record of the country's achievements. We know that wherever that flag flies there is a living guaranty of liberty and justice and equality. We find in the strikingly beautiful texture of that flag is a wonderful history, a story of courage and sacrifice, a story of faith and achievements, a history of men and women full of the belief in the divine law that every man has a right to freedom of thought and individual progress. It is a history of suffering and attainment, marked through its pages by the blood of patriots, illuminated by the shining light of heroic deeds done in the unselfishness of great love, made imperishable by the inspiring thoughts of great men, men of tremendous vision, men who have made it a symbol of justice and liberty.

This flag is not merely a piece of cloth of red and white and blue. It is the living record of your country's honor and faith. It speaks to you to-night of the best that is in this Nation secured by these men and their comrades, the men that are sitting here before us.

These flags so beautifully displayed here to-night are the flags, and that the one flag that is worthy of admiration and the affection of all of our people.

Brave men have shed their blood for it on the field of battle. Good women have consecrated that flag with their tears and their prayers as they placed its standard in the hands of men going forth to the battle front. We bless Almighty God for you men of the Grand Army of the Republic of these United States who saved that flag and who have made it a symbol of liberty and justice.

Old Glory, as we see you hanging there,
We wonder, could there be a flag more fair?
No other such arrangement of your stars and stripes that beams
Could ever be more beautiful or holier, it seems.

And so to-night we pledge you
The best that in us lies;
That you may float forever-more
The fairest flag that flies.

(Applause.)

Chairman Doyle. Just before the benediction, which I hope you will remain for, and "America," and taps, in patriotism and in reverence, this meeting will come to an end.

To-night we have been filled with patriotism. The members of the Grand Army have honored us with their presence. Their minds, too, are busy with the long ago and their comrades who have gone on before.

Your work is yet unfinished. Continue to teach the growing youth to be obedient and true, and you will be performing service of no less benefit to the future of the world than you did in the days when the hot blood of youth flowed through your veins and urged you on to mighty deeds.

And when the last hour shall have come in your earthly career, may your first delighted view of that mysterious future that the curtains of eternity do not disclose to earthly eyes be a vision of the Grand Army of the Republic in eternity reunited.

Come the world in arms!
We'll defeat and then pursue;
Nothing can our flag destroy,
If to God and self we're true.

Will you please arise while the benediction is pronounced?

Colonel JOHN M. TIPTON. And now may the blessing of Heaven rest upon us as we go from this meeting. Thou hast promised where three or four are gathered together in Thy name that Thou wilt be with us. Be with us here and from now on. Amen.

After the singing of one verse of "America" and the sounding of taps, the audience, at 10.52 p. m., was dismissed.

CAMP FIRE HELD AT THE ARSENAL, SPRINGFIELD, ILL., WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 21, 1932, 8.30 P. M.

Comrade Henry C. First, department commander of Illinois, presiding.

Lieut. Col. Owsley Brown, general chairman. The band will play and the audience will sing "Illinois."

I wish to announce a presentation of flowers by the children of Springfield Civic Garden Association to the commander in chief, Samuel P. Town.

(Presentation of flowers under the direction of Frank T. Vasey, superintendent of schools.)

Commander in Chief Town. What can I say to you and these children of the public schools that have come this evening to do honor to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic? Nothing has ever occurred to my memory of upwards of 50 years that is so touching to the heart and leaves such a lasting impression as this wonderful and beautiful token of love of the children of the schools of Springfield to the Grand Army of the Republic.

As the years go by and you grow older you can know that in the heart of this old soldier of the Civil War your likeness and your love will be imaged on my heart for all time.

Words fail to express my feeling on this occasion. I hope you will be happy and enjoy yourselves, and remember this meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic in your beautiful city of Springfield where the men who served in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865 have gathered to mingle together and renew olden days when they were young and while there that you came to see the old veterans and were not disappointed with the soldiers of the Civil War.

The Grand Army of the Republic have had a very happy week and we know we will remember in years to come the delightful times we have received at Springfield. Thank you. [Applause.]

Lieutenant Colonel Brown. Commander Town, distinguished officers of the auxiliaries, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and members of the auxiliary, I wish to take a very brief moment in which to express the appreciation of the citizens of Sprinfield to your organization for favoring us at Springfield with your meeting.

Before the Grand Army of the Republic held their encampment here this time we had the greatest respect and affection for them. But since we have had the privilege of seeing them that respect has increased and our affection has increased a thousand fold. We appreciate there have been times we have not given you the comfort that you might have had, but the committees of the citizens of Springfield have at least done their very best to make your stay a pleasant one. I appreciate that we can not expect you to come back

to us next year, but if you would come back to us every year we feel we would gain experience and be able to handle the encampment in much better shape.

(Music by the Springfield High School band, G. W. Patrick, director.)

Lieutenant Colonel Brown. I am about to introduce the gentleman who will take the place of master of ceremonies of this meeting from now on. This man I have known for a very short time, but my contacts with him have been most interesting. He fought through the Civil War, was a member of the One hundred and thirty-fourth Infantry. He is department commander of the State of Illinois, was a member of the Guard of Honor which stood guard over the body of Abraham Lincoln when it was brought from Washington to Chicago and there lay in state in the courthouse. At present he is acting, as I have stated, as the department head of the Grand Army of the Republic of Illinois, and it is with the greatest pleasure that I now introduce Mr. Henry C. First, who will take charge of the exercises from now on. [Applause.]

Department Commander First. Commander in chief, comrades, ladies, and gentlemen, I think we have a very interesting program to-night and I hope you all will enjoy it. The first thing on the program is the invocation by the chaplain in chief. The chaplain in chief does not seem to be present, and I will call on Doctor Harmon.

Doctor Cameron Harmon. May we stand for the invocation? Unto Thee, our Heavenly Father, the Commander of every heart, the inspirer of that which is higher and better, we pause a moment in Thy presence that we may express gratitude for the blessings which Thou hast multiplied unto us through the long and splendid history of this country that we call our own.

We are pleased to believe that in the very incipiency of our native land, that in the very building of the foundation upon which our Government stands to-day, that Thou wast not apart from us, that Thou wast with our forefathers when they sought to gain their freedom and establish a government dedicated unto the cause of human liberty and unto the freedom of mankind.

Then again we are pleased to believe that down through the cycles of time Thou hast not deserted us, and when these here present upon this occasion with their comrades upheld the flag of our land, sought at the very expense of their own lives and their health and their all that they might cement together a government that should stand in its strength and glory for all that is highest and best, Thou didst not desert us then. Even midst the din of war, in this time of stress and this time of storm Thou wast around about. Those who were living called upon Thee and Thou didst not turn a deaf ear.

And from that time until this glad hour Thou hast been round about us. We thank Thee that Thou hast preserved these noble men who not only in times of war but in times of peace have been willing to give the very best of their hearts and their lives, their hopes, their all, that they might sustain a government that is dedicated to all that is highest and best.

And now we pray that Thou wilt be near unto us in this hour. Grant that all that shall be said and shall be done shall be for the advancement of that which is higher and that which is better in the Government of which we are a part.

Come Thou near unto the presiding officer and to this commander in chief who comes from his home so far away. Bless this organization which has done so much for this country and whose ranks have been depleted through the years. Be Thou near unto these men who are here with us. Watch over and comfort and protect them until they have returned to their homes and until Thou dost take them into Thy keeping forever. All of this we ask in the name of our Christ. Amen.

Department Commander First. The next number is by Past Commander in Chief Jewel.

Past Commander in Chief James E. Jewel. The song that I have selected to sing to-night is one written by one of the old masters about 80 years ago. It is a descriptive song of a ship at sea. Instead of making port she got into trouble—a storm—and foundered upon the rocks. A life-saving crew in the midst of the terrible storm went out in their lifeboats to save the passengers and the crew. If you will pay particular attention to the piano I think you will hear many of the scenes that would take place in a storm of that kind in the wrecking of a ship.

(Singing, "Man the lifeboat.')

The song I have just sung rather tires you. I am going to sing another little song, one of the most popular folk songs ever written. It was written by Stephen C. Foster in the old Kentucky home down in Kentucky in 1854. Last spring I was making a tour with my wife as the commander in chief of the Grand Army and we visited this old Kentucky home. It was a home that was built before the War of the Revolution by one of the first settlers in Kentucky, and as we were shown through the house the keeper of the house and of the plantation said that 250 acres of the great plantation had been deeded to the State of Kentucky as a Kentucky shrine. We looked into one large room and he said, "Here is where Stephen Foster wrote all his songs—'My Old Kentucky Home,' 'Suwanee River,' 'Old Black Joe,' 'Massa Sleeps in the Cold, Cold Ground.'" I said to him I would like to go into that room and put my hand on Foster's old piano. And the lady that was with us said, "We don't allow anyone in that room." However, Colonel LaBree, who had charge of the whole institution, said, "That is true; but the commander of the Grand Army is going to try that old piano." I sat down to the piano and played a little on that old piano. He said, "Just hold on a minute. That song 'Old Black Joe' was written in this room by Stephen Foster, and old black Joe, who was an old slave, lived and died on this plantation, has a son here who is 91 years of age. I want to bring him in." So he brought in old black Joe and he sat down beside me or stood beside me, and I sang "Old Black Joe" for him, and he joined in with me. Now, I am going to sing "Old Black Joe" for you. More people sing "Old Black Joe" in the United States than any other song that was ever written, and I want you to all join in the chorus, and I want you to stand up to do it, too.

(Singing, "Old Black Joe.")

Department Commander First. Some of you may think we old comrades are growing old, but when our young comrade 85 years old can sing like that he is not growing old.

I am very glad to-night to introduce the gentleman who introduced the legislation in Illinois to make the appropriation to have this national encampment in Springfield, the home of our martyred Abraham Lincoln. I am very glad at this time to introduce to you Senator Samuel A. Cuthbertson, who is the senator that made this meeting possible. Let's give him a good hand. [Applause.]

Hon. Samuel A. Cuthbertson, of Bunker Hill, Ill. Mr. Chairman, Commander Town, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Auxiliary, Sons of Veterans, ladies and gentlemen, if there is any one thing I am thankful for more than another, it is the fact that my early boyhood was nurtured upon a patriotism inspired by the spirit of the "Boys in Blue." [Applause.]

To have had some part in securing the appropriation which made possible this grand encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in this capital city of Illinois, every inch of which has been made sacred by the footprints of Abraham Lincoln, and to be invited to say a few words of greeting upon this occasion, is not only a great pleasure but the greatest honor in my life. [Applause.]

I once stood with countless thousands at the shrine upon Riverside Drive. It was Memorial Day. I heard with bowed head the strains of music from the Gloria Trumpeters, as 500 old veterans of the Civil War stood at attention while the wreath was placed upon the casket of the great commander. Taps were sounded by a bugler from a battleship which was lying near by in the Hudson, and that great throng departed better men, better women, better American citizens for having been in that meeting.

I once drove over the battlefield of Valley Forge and heard the chimes from the memorial as they came forth at the hour of noon. It seemed to me I could see in my vision the snow, all red from the feet of half-clad, half-starved men at Valley Forge. We love to pay our tribute of respect to these men. Never did men rise so high in the struggle for justice, right, humanity, and righteousness. Their names, their deeds, their heroic service will ever live in history. But let me say to you members of the Grand Army of the Republic that all the sacrifice they made, the high aspirations they possessed, would have been efforts in vain without you, for it was you—it was you men who wore the blue, it was you members of the Grand Army of the Republic who made vital the words of Abraham Lincoln uttered at Gettysburg, "This Nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth." As a result of your sacrifice, your struggle, and your patriotism, General Anderson in 1865 unfurled over the ruins of Fort Sumter the same flag which Major Anderson took down when Sumter fell and you men in blue saved the Union and preserved the Constitution.

To you the American people will ever owe a debt of gratitude for what we are or for what we shall become, for, as was so well said by a patriotic man of this city in a recent address to the members of the G. A. R.:

> We must bear in mind that the Constitution is the corner stone upon which our national structure rests and if it is broken or destroyed that structure will surely fall.

You men who wore the blue saved the Union. You men who wore the blue preserved the Constitution; and to-day, thanks to you men who wore the blue, we have no North, we have no South—one Nation, one flag. [Applause.]

I say to you to-night it is a great pleasure and a great satisfaction to me to have had some part in bringing about the appropriation which brought you here that you might visit the tomb of your commander in chief, and I hope that your presence here will bear fruit and that before very long—perhaps it will be after the last of your gallant generation shall have answered the last roll call and joined your comrades on the other side—that this great State of Illinois, this State in which your great organization found its birth, will erect by the side of the tomb of Abraham Lincoln a great memorial which will inspire the children of the great State of Illinois to better patriotism as Commander Town has inspired the school children here to-night. [Applause.]

Department Commander First. The next speaker is Doctor Harmon, president of McKendree College, one of the oldest institutions in the State of Illinois. Doctor Harmon.

Dr. Cameron Harmon, president of McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill. Mr. Chairman, members of the G. A. R., and the Auxiliary members present to-night, I desire to assure you that I keenly appreciate the invitation extended to me to speak to you for a brief while on this splendid occasion. It has been my privilege to address many gatherings upon various occasions, and I want to assure you that never before in my life have I felt more honored than I do at this particular time. In fact, as I came upon this platform with this national commander and with past commanders and others of these dignitaries, I think I might illustrate the feeling that comes to my heart in this way.

A few years ago over in the city of London the outstanding statesmen were Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Salisbury. These men had been busy in their offices one night until a late hour, and starting toward their homes, crossing the street near by, they found a little fellow sweeping the streets. Like all other human beings they longed for a little excitement. On the other side of the street, leaning up against a pole, was a big bobby, they call him. We would call him a policeman. He was dressed in his new uniform and was about half asleep. As they came to this little street sweeper Lord Salisbury reached in his pocket, took out a gold coin and said to the lad, "I'll give it to you if you will hit the bobby." The little fellow looked toward that policeman. He was rather uncertain. He looked back at that gold coin. That was more money than he had ever seen before in his life. Taking the gold coin he slipped up toward the sleeping policeman and hit him with a sharp rap with his broom and then ran. The big policeman woke up, saw the boy running, and took after him. After a chase of two blocks he caught him and was almost shaking the life out of him when Lord Salisbury and Mr. Chamberlain felt it their duty to go to the lad's rescue, feeling that they had been guilty of getting him into that predicament. They went down the street and proceeded to argue with the bobby, and it resulted in the bobby taking all three of them

down to the police station. He lined them all up before the sergeant's desk, the little fellow standing between the other two. The sergeant began asking them questions. He said to the first man, "Who are you?" "Well," he said, "I am Mr. Chamberlain." The little fellow looked up in utter astonishment. The sergeant said to the other man, "Who are you?" He said, "I am Lord Salisbury." The little fellow was more astonished than ever. Then he turned to the little fellow and he said, "Who are you?" And he flashed back, "I am the Duke of Wellington." So I have a feeling akin to that. When I appear to a gathering here with these men and these ladies on this platform upon an occasion like unto this, I can not help but wonder how it happened that I am here on this platform.

I am like the chap who some while ago was out with some of his friends and stayed a little late, and they had something rather strong to drink that night. On the way home one of these men was in a predicament. Crossing a little stream he stopped and leaned over against the banister of the bridge. He looked down in the water and he saw a perfect reflection of the moon. The moon was full in the sky. Just then an officer came along and the policeman said to him, "Why, move on here. You can not hang around here." And he said, "Officer, I want to ask you one question." "All right. What is it?" He said, "Is that the moon down there?" The officer said, "Sure, that is the moon." "Well," he said, "What I want to know is, if that is the moon, how in hell did I get up here?" [Applause.] So I go on wondering how I have the privilege of being here on this platform.

And then I want to offer one word of explanation before I begin my little talk. It is 100 miles from here to my home. I must drive home yet to-night. During the World War over in France the boys told me of a lieutenant who was approaching the front, and he had a colored outfit with him. They saw a tunnel leading back under the hill and the lieutenant ordered a colored boy to enter the tunnel and make some investigation. But he protested against entering that dark hole in the ground. Finally the lieutenant ordered him a second and then a third time. When a lieutenant orders you a third time you had better do it. I know, they did it to me. Well, the colored boy, said, "Lieutenant, I'se one request to make of you before I go into that hole." He said, "What is that?" He said, "If somebody comes out of that hole right quick don't you shoot the fust one." [Laughter.] So, when this meeting is over to-night, don't you shoot the first man that goes out of this hall, for I am a long way from my barracks.

Out in San Francisco during the World War one of the soldier boys had a leave of absence and went up into the town and he found something to drink stronger than coffee. By and by he was having difficulty finding his way back to the barracks. But he met one of the chaplains and he saluted and said to him, "Sir, will you please tell me the way to my barracks?" And the chaplain was rather angry at him in his terrible condition and he said, "No, sir. I'll tell you you ought to be ashamed of yourself." He said, "I am a soldier of the Lord." And the soldier said, "Beg your pardon, soldier, but you are a hell of a ways from your barracks, ain't you?" [Applause.] So I find myself a long ways from my barracks, and when this meeting is over I must hasten on my way.

I pause a moment to say to you good people to-night in this land in which we live that there are many arts. There are none who are master of all and few who are master of many. But there is one art in which all of us ought to be masters, and that is the art of reflection. We should not forget the days that are past and gone. Neither should there fade from our memory the fact that those of the yesterday have given of their labor and their toil that they might bring unto us the blessings that we enjoy to-day. I am frequently compelled to remember that these blessings that we hold in our hands, multitudinous in number, so great that no human tongue can tell, that these are not the products of these hands of ours, but they have come to us from the labor and the toil of those who have gone before.

And again I am compelled to remember that they came to us at a tremendous sacrifice, and as I have meditated along these particular lines it has been my privilege to visit the battlefields of those of the yesterday and to remember and meditate upon the part we have played and the price we have paid.

I have driven into the New England States and have visited the battlefields of the Revolution. I have gone to the sacred spot where first landed our Pilgrim Fathers, and I have gone into the silent cities of the dead where lie buried the Revolutionary fathers who in the early days in the primeval forests of the land in which we dwell builded so well the foundation upon which to-day we do stand. And as I remember and meditated upon Washington and his brave few who dared to struggle on in their privations and in their suffering so splendidly and so victoriously at the beginning of this land of ours, there came to my heart a new feeling of gratitude to those of the yesterday who paid the supreme price.

And then again I never think along this line but what I remember a time when I had the privilege of being in the service of my country during the Spanish-American War. We were in camp down in the island of Cuba a few miles out of Fort Havana. I remember well I was sick of typhoid fever in the isolation hospital, that is, in a tent. My buddy near by sickened and died and they carried him away. I shall never forget the beating of the drum as they bore him to his last long resting place. A few days passed by and now I was able to leave the hospital. It was on the 30th of May, 33 years ago the last 30th of May, when I came out and asked them where they had buried my buddy. And they pointed toward the hill and said, "Just beyond the hill." I mounted and rode over on a horse. It was in the evening.

By and by I came to the silent little city. No citadels were there, only the marble slabs that marked the last resting place of a few of Columbia's noble sons. I dismounted from my horse and stood uncovered. It was in the evening hour. Some ladies had gathered during the day and placed flowers upon the graves of the soldier dead. It was a beautiful hour. The moon stood out in all of its glory in the sky above, and it shed its silvery rays until far and near I could see the palm trees tossed to and fro by Heaven's gentle breeze. Off to one side I could hear the incoming waves of the ocean as they beat up against the rock-bound coast, and the distant rumble reminded me of the beating drum when those comrades of mine were borne to their last long resting place.

Now when evening comes I can see that silent city. The ocean breeze is stronger now, and whistling around the marble slabs come the voices of those who, though dead, yet speaketh. Through the intervening years from that day until this hour into this heart of mine they have been saying, "Be thou true to the trust for which we died."

I stood out yonder in Washington, at Arlington, by the grave of the unknown dead, with uncovered head. I could hear the voices of sixty-odd thousand of our own boys of our day and generation who at the first summons to arms went forth upon foreign soil and bore the Stars and Stripes of our country for that which they deemed to be the highest cause of the earth in which we live. Their multitudinous voices from their days and their time cry out unto us of this day and this generation.

But never has my heart been quite so moved as in those days when I had the privilege of visiting the battlefields of the southland where you men, the Grand Army of the Republic, went forth out of your abundant sacrifice that you might bring to us the marvelous heritage that now we hold in our hand. I remember finding my way to Chattanooga, and then I found my way to high Lookout Mountain. I stood on the sacred spot where the battle was fought above the clouds. I remember I stood there one morning at the rising of the sun. I looked out over that marvelous scene of surpassing beauty that some of you have beheld. Forty miles down the Tennessee River breaks through the mountain and comes sweeping into that magic horseshoe bend 2,000 feet below, so far away it appeared that I could cross the stream at a single stride. There I stood uncovered, gazing at the beauty at that wondrous scene. I was dressed in my uniform.

As I stood there looking over that beautiful valley there came a man close to me. I noticed not his coming until he stood near by. When he opened his coat I saw the little bronze button and I knew he was one of your number. He said to me. "Soldier boy, you are looking over upon Missionary Ridge." We looked over across the valley toward that ridge and he told me the story of the battle.

I would you could have seen him. A moment ago he leaned heavily upon his cane, for the burden of many years rested upon him. Yet now he stood erect. I saw the light of other years in his eyes, and he began to tell me one event after another. But there was one I can never forget. He told me that in his regiment was a color sergeant, a lad who carried the flag, who was anxious to be the first to plant the Stars and Stripes on the highest point of Missionary Ridge. He was impatient for the opportunity to come. When it did come he seized the flag and with all speed rushed up the slope, disregarding the flying shot and shell, until within 20 paces of the top he fell mortally wounded. A surgeon came to his side and said to the color sergeant, "Where are you wounded?" Noble patriot that he was, he had but one thought in his mind. That was the ambition of his soul. And he said to him, "Sir, I was within 20 paces of the top. Sir, I was within 20 paces of the top." But the surgeon said, "I mean where did the ball strike you? Where are you suffering?" And again he had but one thought and he said, "I was almost up, sir. I was almost up." And with these hesitating

words upon his lips he fell back in the arms of the surgeon and he was dead. And as I come down through the years that have intervened between that time and this splendid hour I have heard again and again these dying patriotic words of the soldier lad on the hillside of Missionary Ridge, "I was almost up, sir. I was almost up." I am truly glad it is our privilege to carry on.

And then from there down to Chickamauga, and finally circling over the hilltops, over to the north Kentucky and to the east North Carolina. From there I went up to Fredericksburg, in and around which more than a hundred thousand men died in the Battle of the Wilderness, on the battlefields around about. And there again I visited the silent city of the dead, with soft tread moving to and fro among the tombs, upon multitudes of which I found the one word, the word "Unknown."

Farther north I went still until I came to the burial ground there at Washington, D. C., and I went again with soft tread there in that tremendous burial ground. What a great army lies resting there to-day! On north until I came to Gettysburg. I pushed my way through the woodland. There is Little Round Top and Big Round Top. I saw the long rows of stone behind which some of you took refuge as you fought in that tremendous struggle. Pushing aside the foliage here and there in the woodland I saw tombs erected to the memory of those who on these sacred spots had paid the supreme price.

I went down to the silent city. That time I stood on the sacred spot where stood "Honest Abe" of Illinois, greatest of them all, tremendous leader of men, with a heart within him unexcelled in the bosoms of the children of men. I could almost hear that matchless voice of his as it came down through the ages of time crying out unto us that rather here we should dedicate ourselves. And I feel when we gather upon occasions like unto this, especially so near by his sacred tomb, that it should be a time when we should rededicate ourselves for the cause for which he stood and the cause for which you people battled so splendidly in the years past and gone.

When I think of the price you have paid there comes back to me the story which has come down through the ages from ancient Greece. Twenty-four hundred years ago in the city of Athens there lived a marvelous leader by the name of Pericles. He was a wonderful leader on the field of battle, a marvelous leader in the halls of legislation. He was a wonderful leader in the marts of trade. He had love for the beautiful. He gathered together the sculptors and artists of that day and beautified the city of Athens as that city had not been beautified before. In the height of his career the Peloponnesian War came on. It was born in almost the exact spot where the World War was born. And the boys of the city of Athens went out upon the field of battle. For this we know, that the battles of the world have been fought by the boys and suffered by the mothers. And these boys went out and died by the thousands, and they brought back their dead bodies and ranged them in long rows, and back of them were gathered their fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters, and the people of Greece, thousands in number, and they called for Pericles, the idolized, to deliver the oration to the dead.

He came out on a platform like this, and he delivered an oration. I think the greatest oration the world has ever known except the Sermon on the Mount. As he came out and stood before them he said unto them: "My fellow countrymen, these boys have died upon the field of battle that our beautiful city might not be destroyed, that our homes might not be desecrated, that our government might not disappear from the face of the earth." And then he continued to enumerate the blessings for which they died, and then he came back at them with this splendid challenge. He said, "I want to know, my fellow countrymen, do you propose to so live that these men, these boys, shall not have died in vain?"

And so I come with this challenge to-night to these sons and daughters of veterans and to these friends who are here gathered to-night with these noble representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic. These men and their comrades have paid a price that this people can not begin to picture unto you, and I come with this challenge, "Do we propose to so live and to so support the institution for which they died and for which they toiled and for which they have lived through all the intervening years from that day unto this day; do we propose to so live that their labor and their toil and their sacrifice shall not have been in vain?"

I want to say this to the Sons of Veterans and the daughters and the descendants of these veterans here to-night. I simply want to say this unto you, that these fathers have wrought splendidly, not only in times of war but in times of peace, through long years of time. We have forever found them arrayed nobly upon the side of that which was right and good in the Government in which they lived. They have builded splendidly and they have given to these hands of ours the most magnificent government this land has ever known.

I love to think of this marvelous country that we live in with all of the advantages that have come down to us upon the ceaseless waves of time—our railroads, our cities, our schools, our form of government. I love to think of the marvelous school system from the public school and the high school to the college and the university. I love to think of our marvelous court system from the justices of the peace in every community to the supreme justices of the land in which we live and dwell. Oh, it is a marvelous heritage, the greatest human Government that this world of ours has ever known.

I want to say to you, Sons of Veterans and Daughters of Veterans, that this Government, splendid though it be, is not yet a completed product. There are still mountain peaks of government excellency that we have not scaled. There are still wild lands of government achievement upon which the foot of man has never been privileged to stand. There is much work for us to do.

Beyond doubt the greatest painting the world has ever seen was Raphael's Transfiguration. You may be familiar with this bit of history that has to do with it. When Raphael was finishing that great masterpiece he suddenly sickened and died. The serious problem came to the minds of those that had to do with his estate of choosing some one to finish that masterpiece of the world's greatest artist. After much thought they chose Romano, a student of Raphael. He felt keenly the responsibility that rested upon him.

Therefore through weeks and months of time he mixed his paints and studied the great canvas. He began spreading his paints upon the canvas, studying the color scheme, and bit by bit he added to the great masterpiece. With unexcelled skill he carried it through to completion. Those who have seen the original tell me that you can tell where Raphael ceased to paint and where Romano began.

This is the serious problem that comes to my mind. Ye sons and daughters of veterans, these fathers of ours have wrought well, and out of their labor and toil and out of their hearts and lives they have builded splendidly to this hour, but now the responsibility has come to be yours and ours. I wonder when coming generations scan with critical eye the pages of history by us written, I wonder if they can truly say that we not only did not mar this great masterpiece, but we did heighten its beauty and we carried it to greater excellence than ever it has known hitherto.

Oh, may I say, and I close, that while we come to-night to do honor to those who are gathered here we would not forget their comrades who fell upon the fields of battle and who through the intervening years of time have answered the last long roll call.

I heard a man say who was present in Tokyo in Japan at the close of the Russian-Japanese War, as he went walking out on one of the main avenues one day and on the west side of the city he saw a strange sight. He saw the army of Japan drawn up in long line. Out in front, of course, were the officers in regular form, and back of the officers there were tens of thousands of people gathered and they were facing out in the open field. He drew near and wondered why this strange scene, and he noted this fact. Every once in a while these officers with their swords would salute. Every little while would come the order to present arms, and then the great throng back of them would cry out, "Banzai!" He wondered why this strange scene, and he made inquiry. And they said to him, "Sir, the soldiers who died upon the battlefields during the Russian-Japanese War are passing in review to-day, and we are crying out and doing honor unto them."

And so I try to imagine that along here there is passing before us an invisible throng of men who wore the blue in the yesterday. Some of them have been battered and torn from the service in long compaigns upon the battlefields of the southland; some of them are red with blood; some of them have died upon fields of battle; others struggled through years of faithful service and they too now have fallen. But they are passing in review. It takes but little imagination to see this innumerable throng, those coats of blue that cover the hearts of men loyal and true, hearts that beat for the final triumph of the cause of liberty and for the enthronement of the Stars and Stripes; and unto thee we come crying to-night, "Banzai! Banzai!"

We shall be true to the cause for which you lived and for which you toiled and for which you died. Oh, we come to thee uncovered, we come to make obeisance unto you, members of the G. A. R., you who have stood faithfully through the years. You thrill our hearts, you inspire us to greater deeds. We pledge you to-night, God helping us, that we shall be true to the cause for which you have nobly served. I thank you. [Great applause.]

Department Commander First. I now present our commander in chief of the Grand Army, Commander Town.

Commander in Chief Town. Mr. Chairman, I want to know what I ever did to you that you should call upon me to address this audience after listening to the eloquence we have just heard. It is indeed a difficult position to be placed in, but we comrades realize that what we say to one another is always taken in the spirit in which it is intended, the spirit of charity.

Looking over this vast audience to-night I feel positive that there are many citizens of Springfield here that are not members of the Grand Army of the Republic. While the story of the conflict between '61 and '65 is an old story, and it is an old story to the comrades, it can be told over and over and still be new. My recollection carries me back, as does that of a number of the comrades here, to those early days of 1860 when the skies of this country were bright—not a cloud on the horizon, everybody happy. And then in a few months we were startled by the attack on Fort Sumter, and the country was aroused.

I can remember Abraham Lincoln coming to Washington through Pennsylvania, stopping at Philadelphia, raising the American flag over Independence Hall and making an address there to the multitudes that had assembled. These early scenes are fresh in the minds of all of the comrades. We recall how the call was made for 100,000, and then another 300,000, until during that war there were various calls for 300,000 more.

The years that were spent in the South, in the Shenandoah Valley, in old Virginia, we can recall to-night as if they occurred but yesterday. Particularly in the location in which I lived, I can recall how the people of that loyal city of Philadelphia [applause], interested from the very beginning of the war in the soldier, instituted the Sanitary Commission, the Christian Commission, and while I was away in the war they had in that loyal city what they called the Sanitary Fair to raise funds to send delicacies and necessaries to the soldiers at the front. Because you people must know that in those days this country was not as prosperous as it has been at this time, and the Government was not in condition to furnish the soldiers from '61 to '65 what they could, thank God, furnish the soldiers of the World War.

But we got along. We suffered our privations and we had our pleasures at the front. And after that great war, when we were successful and loyalty and patriotism were established throughout our land, we came home. And as has been said here this evening in this city of Springfield the first organization of the Grand Army of the Republic was formed. From that early beginning in Illinois posts were formed throughout this great Union of ours, and in every city and hamlet you might say until from one post an aggregate of over 400,000 men at one time were in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic.

And we can congratulate ourselves that there was no malice in the organization of this order. It was formed on the cardinal principles of charity, fraternity, and loyalty; that fraternity in the post room would bind all our comrades more closely together and that they would have by their mingling together the opportunity of knowing

the suffering of their comrades and they would have the opportunity of knowing the wants of the widows of their comrades and the suffering of the orphans of our widows. So in fraternity and charity the Grand Army of the Republic prospered.

As for loyalty, we had already proven our loyalty, and we continued to prove our loyalty. So, as I say, the Grand Army grew, and the work of its members was, in addition to alleviating the suffering of their own comrades and widows, to educate the young people as they grew up in the principles that I have named of fraternity, charity, and loyalty. And I am happy to say that as the years rolled on we comrades in all the communities could see that we were doing good.

And then when General Logan, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, named the 30th day of May as Decoration Day, I can remember marching with my post through the streets to the cemetery, each sidewalk lined, and when we got to the cemetery we could hardly walk through the crowd to have our ceremonies and put flowers and flags on the graves of every deceased comrade. I say it is grateful to the hearts of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to witness all these occurrences.

As the years rolled on and we became less in number, older in years, more infirm, and less capable to perform these duties, were they neglected? No. We had an army behind us equally as large as we at one time had of our own men. We had the Sons of Veterans, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of Veterans, and the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary. And to-day these orders combined are an army of over a half million people. So why should we in our old days feel that our work has not been well done? We know that it has been, and I have an illustration of that this year particularly.

As I have said, I lived in a very loyal community, Philadelphia, and Pennsylvania had always been most reverent to the Grand Army of the Republic and it became so familiar to us comrades that possibly we thought little of it.

But in my travels through the West I found everywhere, through Utah, Washington, Oregon, California, wherever the commander of the Grand Army of the Republic stopped, there were gatherings at the station to see that he got to his hotel safely and there were meetings of patriotic character in all these places. So he returned home convinced that there was no local matter about it. It is universal throughout this great United States of ours.

And as we go hence in a very few years we know that what we have fought for and what we have lived for will be perpetuated for years to come.

Coming to this beautiful city of Springfield, where, as I said, a man can not put his foot on this sacred ground without feeling and having impulses that he could not suppress of patriotism and loyalty. So I am thoroughly convinced that this meeting of the sixty-sixth encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in the city of Springfield will bear fruits, not only to you citizens here but as our comrades and other friends go to their homes and relate to their people what a magnificent reception the Grand Army of the

Republic received here, how we were entertained, how we were treated, and how the memory of Lincoln pervades all—fraternity, charity, and loyalty will prevail as long as the Stars and Stripes float over the United States. [Applause.]

Department Commander FIRST. Comrade Nason has a very pleasant duty to perform.

Chief of Staff CHARLES E. NASON, of Maine. As I represent the official family, I thank you for the wonderful patience and forbearance you have exercised in the past year, overlooking our shortcomings and often failures. By doing so you have earned our love and respect, and as a token of that respect and love I want you to accept this token coming from your official family, with the hope and prayer that in the years to come your life will be as bright as the stars that are set in the emblem which I give you.

(Presenting the commander in chief with a jeweled past commander in chief's badge.)

Commander in Chief TOWN. Comrade Nason, my chief of staff, I am overwhelmed with gratitude at the generosity of my comrades that has inspired them to present me with this beautiful emblem of our order. I can assure you it will be treasured by me through all the days of my life and will be revered by my family as the years go on.

Comrades, this is a beautiful Grand Army badge, somewhat similar to the one I have which was presented to me some years ago by the department. But this will be treasured and will bring back to my mind the memory of the most pleasant year of my life.

Chief of Staff NASON. Mrs. Town, during the past year you have been a wonderful helpmate to your husband. You have traveled with him over the country, and wherever you have been you have brought sunshine to the comrades. As a mark of appreciation of what you have done for the Grand Army of the Republic we ask you to accept this little token from the official family of the commander in chief.

(Presenting a diamond pendant.)

Mrs. SAMUEL P. TOWN. Comrade Nason, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I appreciate this token and thank you very much. Everywhere that we went during the past year we were highly honored. We renewed many old acquaintances and made many new friends. We have many happy recollections of the places we have visited during the year, and in the twilight of life, as I look over the mementos we have gathered—there are many times when we are sad, we have been disappointed, and I can look over the pictures and bring your loved faces before us, and look at these treasures and the clouds will pass and the sun will shine again. I will live over these wonderful days and no human being can take that pleasure from me. I shall cherish this night as one of the very happiest of the year.

They said to me, "Mrs. Town, you will now be a has-been." I never will be that. I am going to tell you why I won't be a has-been. Because I stand before you to-night, not as the commander in chief's wife, but as the commander of the commander in chief. [Applause.] And I want to tell you that I feel prouder to-night than if I was President Hoover's wife. [Applause]. Because I feel we

would not have a President Hoover to-night, we would not have the United States of America, if we had not had our boys in blue. [Applause.]

I think the Grand Army of the Republic is the greatest organization ever formed or that ever will be formed. We ought to be proud that we can stand by the Grand Army of the Republic, that wonderful army of boys. I love every one of them, and they have never grown old to us. They are just as lovely in December as they were in May.

I will tell you that my greatest thought in life is that flag. [Applause.] After hearing this wonderful speech, I think I would like to take some lessons, because it was a wonderful speech. But I will tell you about the flag of our country.

I feel no flag can ever be made without inspiration, and God certainly inspired George Washington when he designed that beautiful flag. He made the blue field as the canopy of heaven. He placed the white stars in the blue field as He guided the Wise Men of the East. Those white stripes are purity and the rays of the sun in the morning. Those red stripes so beautiful, as the beautiful setting sun at night. So, I say, that flag is God's flag. He followed it in every war. It is George Washington's flag, it is the flag of the United States of America, and it is the flag of our dear Abraham Lincoln. It is your flag, it is our flag, it is my flag, and we have taken it through every war without defeat. It has never touched the ground. When we entered the Spanish-American War the boys brought it back. When our boys took it over the seas they brought it back without a single star missing in that flag. So I say it is God's flag.

And, boys, as long as that flag floats, so long we will remember you and we will love you forever.

They talk about bolshevism, they talk about the reds coming to destroy our country. Why, they couldn't do it. If we haven't got the boys we have got the women back here. I think women can shoulder a musket just as well as a man. We are back of our men and there are so many women I will tell you they can be a force.

As I sat here the other night the men were giving out talking. Did you ever hear of a woman giving out talking? I don't think you ever did, and you never will.

I heard a story of a school teacher who said to the boys, "Tell us who was the first man." One little fellow got up and said it was George Washington. The teacher said, "We will hear from another." Another boy said, "Teacher, why it wasn't George Washington because he married a widow. So it could not be George Washington."

I will not take any more of your time because we have such an eloquent speaker here. Thank you. [Applause.]

Department Commander First. Mrs. Atwood has a message.

Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, president national Woman's Relief Corps. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, honored guests, and friends, as I sat here on this platform I could not help but think:

O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see oursel's as ithers see us!

I wish every one of you could have sat here upon this platform to-night and looked out upon themselves.

We have been from the East to the West, from the North to the South, and we have been greeted by crowds everywhere. But this surely is a fitting end to the commander in chief's year. This has been the largest of all.

To-night for the national Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, I want to present to the commander in chief a gift to be used for his order. Commander in chief, I present to you this check. I hope it will be of benefit to you and to your organization the coming year. Accept it from your auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps.

Commander in Chief Town. As an evidence, a practical evidence of what I have been saying to you to-night that we are backed by these great organizations, the Woman's Relief Corps has presented to the Grand Army of the Republic for its purposes during the coming year a check for $1,000. [Applause.] If it was in any other city than Springfield I would telephone to the mayor to send me a guard. But I think that I am in such society that I am perfectly satisfied to go to the hotel without a guard.

Department Commander First. The next speaker is Captain Anderson. We will close before long and in good season and in good time. Captain Anderson.

Comrade H. M. Anderson, of Kansas City, Mo. Commander, comrades, and our delightful visitors, we are certainly glad to meet you here to-night, and I will detain you but a few minutes. I hesitate to stand in this sacred space where stood our wonderful orator a few minutes ago when he delivered one of the most patriotic and eloquent speeches I have ever heard in my lifetime.

Comrades, what I may say here is taken entirely from a Civil War standpoint, and, briefly stated, covers a period of 10 months in Libby Prison and four other prisons, consuming about 17 months in all, in that time arriving at Columbia, S. C., October 5, 1864, always planning to escape. Near midnight November 20, 1864—very stormy and an opportune time for our purpose—with two other comrades we rushed the guard and made a break for liberty and soon found that our troubles had just begun. We were followed by bloodhounds and guerillas who chased us across the Blue Ridge into the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee.

After 48 days and nights, traveling about 500 miles through snow-covered mountains in midwinter, thinly clad, suffering with cold and hunger, we finally reached the Union lines at Knoxville, Tenn., Sunday morning, January 7, 1865.

My comrade, a little to the right, coming to the open through a thick growth of trees, excitedly exclaimed "There! There!" said he. "There is the flag!" looking over the valley. Yes; sure enough "the flag was still there," floating over the ramparts of Fort Saunders. Can you realize what the flag meant to us? Oh, life, liberty, and everything worth living for was there. Slowly and cautiously we approached the flagstaff where we stood in tears of joy and happiness—safe under the same Old Flag that thrilled the hearts of the Union soldiers when they saw it proudly floating from the top of Lookout Mountain at the top of a tall flagstaff so high seemingly

almost to hang from the very dome of heaven, with its bright stars twinkling a spirit of inspiration down upon our armed hosts, battling for a sacred cause, forcing their way up the rugged mountain side to victory above the clouds on Missionary Ridge.

The flag of Washington and Lincoln. Frequently in the days of 1861 there stood beautiful maidens uttering glowing words of patriotism as they presented a flag to the soldier boys marching away to the wild music of war as down they went to do and die for its preservation.

The ensign of our Republic! Emblem of American liberty! Flag o' mine; up, up into the golden dawn of sunrise I fly you, waving your splendor in the blue of the sky. There in your realm of airy gold on high, our Nation is broadcasting to you its wealth of love and devotion that shall never die. Glorious Stripes and Stars. Under your halo of glory, proudly I hail you "Flag of our land," O flag of our land. Standard of freedom, banner of beauty. Herewith I pledge my loyal duty, and may it be ever thus: In God and Country I place my trust. And to you, Old Glory, pride of my heart, spirit of my soul, wherever you call there will I stand with the flag of our land. O flag of our land, forevermore.

(Kissing the flag.) [Applause.]

Department Commander FIRST. We will very soon close. We have a very short telegram from a former department commander and former governor of this State, and I will request the secretary to read that.

Miss GEORGIA T. FIRST (reading):

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill.

Please accept hearty greetings for yourself and my comrades of the Illinois department and other States from one who once served as Illinois' department commander and governor of this State. My personal good wishes, with regret that the serious illness of my wife prevents my attending the encampment. As Mohammedans turn their faces to Mecca when they pray, so Union veterans of the Civil War, when they wish to renew their patriotic enthusiasm, turn to the home and tomb of Lincoln, their leader of the war. In Springfield, also, Ulysses S. Grant received his first commission of Governor Richard Yates and then set out on the splendid career which made him leader of our Army in the final victory. May all comrades have a joyous and profitable meeting and safe and happy return to their homes.

JOSEPH W. FIFER.

Department Commander FIRST. We will now have a few words by the president of the Daughters.

Mrs. HARRIETT J. GOETZ. National president Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, comrades of the Grand Army, it is a great pleasure to-night to bring you the greetings from the national organization, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Could I drink of the nectar the gods only can,
I would fill my cup to the brim
And drink to the health of the Grand Army man
And the cause represented by him.

[Applause.]

Department Commander FIRST. We will have a few remarks from the past commanders in chief. There is only one of those comrades present. That is Past Commander in Chief Jewel.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES E. JEWEL. I don't want to impose upon you at this time of night, but I will just tell you a little incident that happened to me when I was in the Army when I was a boy only 17 years of age. On the 1st day of December, 1864, the boat on which my regiment steamed up the Ohio and Cumberland Rivers landed at Nashville, Tenn. We marched out back of the city and went into camp. While we were in camp there, as was the custom of our soldiers, I cleaned my rifle. I had, I thought, a mighty fine gun, and in cleaning it I stood my ramrod down beside a tree and went into my tent. Soon it was dark, and the long roll was beaten for us to fall into line. It was as dark as a stack of black cats. We were marched out for about 2 miles and formed in line of battle on top of the hill to be ready to receive General Hood. We stood there for some time and was ordered to load our guns, and as I tore off a cartridge and poked it into my gun and reached for my ramrod it was gone. I didn't know what to do. I told my captain, who stood close by me, that I had left my ramrod 2 miles back by a tree, and asked him to let me go back and get it.

"Why," he says, "you could not find that place any more. Why, it is too dark and you are too far away. You could not find it." I said, "Let me go and I will find it." I remembered very particularly we had marched up a little creek and in marching from our camp we had gone down by an old board fence. And I went back to that creek and I went down to the board fence and I felt my way along until I came to the big tree, and I picked up my ramrod and returned to my company.

Department Commander FIRST. The benediction will now be pronounced, after which we will go to our homes. Thank you for your kind attention. We will sing one verse of "America" before the benediction.

("America.")

Mrs. TOWN. We want to close this encampment as we opened it, Commander Town.

Mrs. Margaret J. Lewis Bennett then sang "We Love You Truly."

After the benediction by Doctor Harmon and the sounding of taps, the audience was dismissed.

CEREMONIES AT THE TOMB OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN IN OAK RIDGE CEMETERY, SPRINGFIELD, ILL., SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1932, 1.30 P. M.

Pledge to the flag by the audience.

Commander in Chief SAMUEL P. TOWN. We will now have the invocation by the commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans, Comrade Huston.

FRANK C. HUSTON, commander in chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Let us pray.

Our dear Father in heaven, we are glad for this beautiful day, in which we are privileged to meet upon these grounds made sacred by the dust of him to has meant not only so much to this State and to this Nation, but whose memory is honored throughout the entire civilized world. And we are glad that we have had the inclination of heart and mind to come to this hospitable city, where these sacred remains rest and thus think again of the life of this one who has gone from us and yet lives with us.

And we pray that Thy blessing may be upon the exercises of this hour; that indeed there may be awakened within every breast in this presence a renewed desire to appreciate the blessings which are ours, because of the labors, because of the idealisms which were held by Abraham Lincoln. We would remember also the boys that answered the call of their commander in chief and went forth to dare and to do and to die in order that this land might be preserved to posterity as a land of liberty. So, we pray that Thy blessing may be upon our commander in chief, upon all of his staff, and all the members of the Grand Army, upon the governor of this State and those who assist him in governmental functions.

We pray that everyone of these present upon this afternoon, and the homes and the respective communities from which they come, that from all of these exercises our land may be made a better land, that our lives shall prove our gratitude unto Thee for all of Thy blessings.

Bless the Grand Army, especially do we pray as we thank Thee for their offerings to our country. And we ask and offer all in that name which prevails with Thee, Jesus, Thy Son and our Savior. Amen.

Singing by the Liberty Lincoln Chorus, 25 colored voices.

Commander in Chief TOWN. We are honored to-day with the presence of Governor Emmerson of this great State of Illinois, whom I will not introduce but will simply announce to this patriotic audience. Governor Emmerson.

Hon. LOUIS L. EMMERSON, Governor of Illinois. Commander in Chief Town, Mrs. Town, members of the various allied organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic, words are futile instruments to

express to you Commander in Chief Samuel P. Town, honored members of the Grand Army of the Republic and kindred organizations, the heartfelt welcome of the entire State of Illinois, as you gather here from all sections of the nation in our capital city—a city whose most-treasured possession is its connection with your first commander in chief, the immortal Abraham Lincoln, symbol of all that is finest in mankind.

Springfield gave him—a backwoods lawyer—to the Nation, in the hour of its greatest danger. It received him back, no longer mortal but a symbol of honor and strength, of suffering and of love for all mankind—an ideal for all men throughout all the ages.

It was Sprinfield, too, which saw Gen. Ulysses S. Grant start forth at the head of a few men, to take up that leadership of your ranks that was to lead you to a final and glorious victory at Appomattox.

And it was once more the fortune of central Illinois to have the inspiration which led Dr. B. F. Stephenson to sound the tocsin leading to the formation of the Grand Army of the Republic at Decatur, on April 6, 1866, with chapters soon to follow in Bloomington, Springfield, and other Illinois cities.

And again it was the honor of our State to give to your national organization its first commander in chief, Gen. Stephen A. Hurlbut, while in 1870, another son of Illinois ordered the first Memorial Day, which has come to be the one time of the year. more than any other, when the men and women of the Nation unite in solemn manifestation of the reverence and the love, which we give to our soldier dead.

To me it seems especially fitting that in the declining years of the Grand Army, you have turned again home, for Illinois, and more especially the last resting place of the immortal Lincoln, is the home of your great organization.

It will be impossible for you to walk through the city of Springfield, without sensing the spirit of Lincoln. You will visit the old courthouse, scene of many of his legal battles, made famous by his "house divided" address. His home, which he left to assume the presidency, beckons your attention, while throughout the city are scores of places hallowed by his memory.

At Old Salem, some miles north, is the scene of his earliest successes and perhaps the greatest tragedy of his life. It has been one of the privileges of my service as governor, to lay the plans for the complete reconstruction of Old Salem, so that future generations may see it just as it was in his day; and seeing it may know that here in America, the greatest success and the highest honor, may come from the lowliest beginnings.

You will, of course, be attracted to this magnifiicent tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, which city, State, and Nation erected to his memory.

Each year, approximately 100,000 liberty-loving men and women from all sections of the world are drawn to Springfield to visit this shrine. Nothing in the memory of man, except the pilgrimages to the Holy Land, can compare with the annual trek to Springfield, the capital shrine of liberty. Those thousands gather here because the ideals which inspired him to greatness are the ideals that run through the hearts of men—yesterday, to-day, and to-morrow.

Most of you have visited the Lincoln tomb at some previous time in your life. I hope that you will be agreeably surprised at the changes recently wrought here.

It had never seemed to me that the interior of the tomb fittingly expressed the solemnity and the dignity attendant upon other famous mausoleums of the world. We have accordingly recreated the monument so that its great shaft piercing the sky, and expressing the rugged character that was Lincoln's, is fittingly accompanied by an interior, which in simple beauty is a fitting expression of the love a grateful Nation bears him.

To me the Lincoln monument has always been more than a monument to Lincoln; it has been a monument to all those who served under him, for Lincoln alone could not have solidified the North and prevented the disintegration of the Union. Had it not been for your great loyalty, his great leadership would have failed in its purpose and many stars would be missing from the majestic ensign that adorns the sarcophagus—the Stars and Stripes of the United States.

The seven decades which have passed since you men first offered your lives on the altars of liberty have written on the scroll of history momentous changes. Our life has been broadened and enriched beyond the fondest dreams of that day. The struggling Nation which you preserved has become the guiding force of the world. With our greatness has come greatly increased responsibilities, both as individuals and as a Nation.

But however the country has changed, there has been no change in that spark of patriotism which runs like a golden thread from generation to generation, flaming into fire at each time of stress. That is the heritage which you have given us, and to the perpetuation of which we solemnly dedicate ourselves and our talents.

Words are indeed idle as we attempt to extend to you the welcome which we feel in our hearts for both the Grand Army and its allied organizations. We can best express that welcome in a pledge to maintain unbroken, through the years when the Grand Army will be only a treasured memory, the honor and glory of the Nation which you served so well.

In the name of the people of Illinois I extend to you an affectionate greeting. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief Town. Comrades, members of our auxiliary, and affiliated organizations: The Grand Army of the Republic meets here to-day to pay tribute to the immortal Lincoln, and I can not refrain from acknowledging to the governor of this great State our appreciation of the magnificent tribute he has paid to Lincoln and to the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Lincoln, the immortal, the great emancipator of millions of human beings, found slavery in a free Republic. Lincoln, the lover of mankind, whose heart went out to the suffering of all humanity. We comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic follow in his footsteps. Our cardinal principles are fraternity, charity, and loyalty. A great fraternity that binds all men and all women in one great community for the good of all; charity, which overlooks the faults that others may have committed, and we take them back into our fold and make them good citizens of this great United States of America.

We are here to-day to pay tribute to the memory of that great man whom we all love and, as we close these ceremonies of addressing you, we propose to place a wreath of flowers on the tomb of the greatest American. In behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am privileged to have the honor to place this wreath on his tomb, and I will be followed by the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, the national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans, the commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, and the national president of the auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. We invite you all to take part in the ceremony. [Applause.]

We will now have singing by the Lincoln Liberty Chorus—"Sweet Chariot."

Commander in Chief Town. I will announce that immediately after the placing of the wreaths by the national presidents of the organizations 250 wreaths will be distributed around the tomb by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Goetz, national president. At the close of the proceedings to-day a beautiful silk flag will be presented by Frances M. Haskell, national patriotic instructor of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We will now proceed to the placing of the wreaths on the tomb. First, we will have the presentation of the flag.

Frances M. Haskell, Tacoma, Wash. We will have the invocation by our national chaplain of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sister Kuhns.

Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns. Our Father who art in Heaven, we are assembled here to-day for the sacred duty of presenting to this tomb of Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth President of the United States of America, this beautiful American flag, as the gift of our national patriotic instructor of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Francis Haskell, who has been to this national body one of the greatest patriotic instructors that we have ever known. We appeal to God to give to her this day words that will bring to you what the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic mean.

O God, on these sacred grounds, in this Lincoln Park dedicated to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, we ask Thy blessing. We ask Thy blessing to be upon the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Samuel P. Town, who has led this body of men, this past year, known as the Grand Army of the Republic, and we as Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic led by our splendid national president, Helen Lehman. We ask Thy blessing on her.

O God, at this time wilt Thou be very near unto the Grand Army and all their allied organizations as they convene this coming week in the city of Springfield and as we dedicate to the memory of Abraham Lincoln this gift from the patriotic instructor of the national body of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, this beautiful American flag that has "waved o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave" for so many years.

O God, continue to bless the Grand Army of the Republic, and now as we are taught the prayer "Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against

us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

Mrs. HASKELL. We will have a few words from our national president, Sister Helen Lehman.

Mrs. HELEN LEHMAN, national president, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Commander in chief, honored guests, and friends: I feel that a very great privilege has come to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to be permitted to place this beautiful flag on the tomb of Abraham Lincoln, and we of our national body thank you for granting us this courtesy.

Mrs. HASKELL. We are the Ladies of the Grand Army, the national body, assembled in our forty-sixth annual convention. We are indeed honored to-day to be privileged to place this flag, our dearest possession, in loving memory of our immortal Lincoln, the defender of this and of his country. And as he fought to protect this flag may its folds guard his resting place and preserve the memory of his great sacrifice, and may all who visit these sacred walls receive an inspiration for greater effort to preserve the memory of that great hero that gave his life for our Nation.

We will have a song by Anna Belle Buchan, My Native Land. [Applause.]

Mrs. CASSEA H. ORSBORN, past national president, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army national president, national patriotic instructor: I want to congratulate you first of all on the distinct privilege which is yours, of being allowed to present this beautiful, this fitting memorial at this sacred spot, the tomb of our beloved hero, our martyred President, Abraham Lincoln. It was he who called our comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to defend their country and their flag when our country was in peril and our beautiful American flag was being so cruelly desecrated. "The world will little note nor long remember what we say here to-day," but it will never forget the heroic work of Abraham Lincoln and of our comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. The world has never known a greater leader than Abraham Lincoln. No leader ever had greater responsibility or heavier duties to perform, and no leader ever performed them with greater ability or wisdom than Abraham Lincoln. He was supremely generous, sympathetic, and tenderhearted as a child, but as strong and firm as the rock of Gibraltar.

When the war ended, Abraham Lincoln started about his tremendous task of binding up the wounds of a broken and bleeding Nation, but all of his reconstruction work was planned "with malice toward none but with charity for all." And when his beautiful life was so cruelly ended by the assassin's bullet the whole world paused in horror and mourned with us his untimely passing. Yet Abraham Lincoln is not dead, but he lives to-day in the hearts and lives of all of our loyal American citizens. It is for us the living to rededicate our lives to the service of our country which our comrades under the leadership of this great man preserved for us.

Again, Sister National President, and Sister National Patriotic Instructor, I congratulate you upon the honor that is yours to-day, the sacred privilege that is yours to-day of presenting this beautiful American flag at the tomb of the greatest of our great American men, Abraham Lincoln. [Applause.]

Mrs. HASKELL. I now take pleasure in presenting this flag, the grandest emblem on earth, to Illinois, to Mr. Fay, custodian of the tomb, where this is to stay and to guard our loved hero. We are now going to salute the flag. [Audience repeating the Pledge to the Flag.]

Commander in Chief TOWN. Now we will proceed with the presentation of the wreaths at the tomb.

(Wreaths taken into the tomb by the commander in chief and heads of the various allied organizations.)

Commander in Chief HUSTON, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Will you all remain seated? Immediately upon the final placing of these wreaths by the daughters the audience will stand and sing America, following which there will be a brief dedication of the flag which you will find at the upper end of these grounds.

(The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War then placed 250 permanent wreaths on the balustrade around the tomb.)

Commander in Chief TOWN. As soon as the ceremonies are over, which will be concluded with the singing of America, you are all invited to attend the ceremonies at the old courthouse, the dedication of the memorial by the Daughters of Union Veterans. You are all invited to attend. It will be a beautiful ceremony.

Commander in Chief HUSTON, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Now, friends, just immediately below here there has been prepared a flag, and you noticed it as you came in. This was proposed by the Department of Illinois, Sons of Veterans, as a welcome to the Grand Army of the Republic upon this occasion. Is Chaplain in Chief J. Kirkwood Craig on the grounds? If not, very briefly the commander in chief will dedicate that floral offering and say with all of this atmosphere of patriotism this afternoon it seems that there should not be a multiplicity of words at all necessary. But this has been given because of thoughtful care and concern upon the part of those who loved the Grand Army and want them to know that they are welcome not only on these sacred grounds and in the city of Springfield, but the State of Illinois. And in the name of the Grand Army, on behalf of the Sons of Veterans, this floral offering is now formally dedicated.

America—Taps.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE IN THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD, ILL., ON SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 18, 1932, 8 O'CLOCK

Rev. Clark Walker Cummings. As pastor of this church I want to say a word of welcome, and it is a very sincere and a very real word of welcome. We are glad that you are all here, every one of you. We only wish that we had more pews or more chairs, so that you could all find seats. We are very sorry that you can not. But we are glad you are here with us to-night in this memorial service, glad that you are with us in this house of God, where we can think of holy things and of the great hope of immortality.

I want first that you shall greet to-night the commander in chief of the Grand Army, Commander Town. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief Samuel P. Town. Coming to this assembly of worship to-night I was informed that I was on the program to preside at this memorial gathering. I think it more appropriate for the clergyman who conducts the religious exercises in this church weekly through the year to have that honor, and while I could probably tell you a few practical things I know I could not entertain you as should be done in this temple of worship. So I propose that the Reverend Mr. Cummings take charge of these memorial exercises this evening and that I, as the rest of you, take part in the exercises. [Applause.]

Chairman Cummings. We are to begin our service by singing hymn 206, the first and last verses. I do not think you will need any hymn book. This hymn is America. We are to sing the first and last verses, and remain standing for the invocation by the chaplain in chief of the Grand Army, Doctor Bartley. Shall we stand for the hymn?

America by the triple quartette and the audience, with Mrs. Mabel Kline, Reading, Pa., bugler.

Chaplain in Chief Jesse B. Bartley. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! We come into Thy presence to-night for we know that Thou are everywhere, that Thou hast created this earth and that Thou hast filled it with Thy presence so that Thy weakest child, Thy humblest man or woman on this earth may have intercourse with Thee.

Inspire our thoughts to-night. May this great congregation open their hearts to-night to tell what they know of Thy goodness and to praise Thee for Thy loving-kindness. Inspire us to-night, we pray Thee, with such an humble contrition that we may receive whatever Thou hast to give us with thanksgiving and with praise.

Bless these old comrades of ours who sit here before us and and stand now because we have come into Thy presence and they want to reverence Thee and make humble prayer to Thee in their hearts.

Grant us, our Heavenly Father, the nearness of Thy presence, that we may feel that Thou are here with us. Our hearts do rise in gratitude to-night and we praise Thy glorious name for those that have been spared from the fields of battle. For years afterwards Thou hast been with them and the call no doubt has come to every one of them to enter into Thy service. To-night, our Heavenly Father, if they never gave themselves to Thee before, have never surrendered to Thee and have become workers with Thee, may they to-night say, "I no longer refuse to join the Christian army of this world to help to make it better." We need, our Heavenly Father, to rise to our greatest strength just now. We know the enemies of our Nation, the enemies of our country and of our Government, are striving to destroy it, and they are trying to break down our rule here in the earth. God grant to be merciful to them, to forgive their wicked thoughts and bring them into humiliation and repentance before Thee.

Bless this great congregation, we pray, with Thy saving power, Thy loving-kindness, and Thy tenderness as well, if they only will repent and turn to Thee.

Bless us now, we pray Thee, O Lord, our Lord, grant unto us this evening that we may all unite into the great army of service here as these men did when they were called to save their country from disunion. Hear us, we pray Thee, bless us, and make us to be useful in this earth the little while we have to stay here. And bless all the people who are here to-night. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Chairman CUMMINGS. Let us turn now to hymn No. 207 and sing of this hymn, also the first and the last verses. We will remain seated for this hymn. No. 207, America, the Beautiful.

It was a very gracious thing, Commander Town, to allow me the privilege of presiding to-night, and I am not only happy because you are all here, and it such a significant and lovely service, but I am also glad and very, very happy in having the privilege of introducing the speaker.

Now, the speaker is not only the commander of the national organization of the Sons of Veterans, but he is also a minister of the same religious body to which I minister. And he is a man held high and esteemed in our body. And so it is with real pleasure that I present to you now one that you all know and all love to honor. I present to you the Reverend Mr. Huston, who is to bring at this time the memorial message.

Rev. FRANK C. HUSTON, commander in chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A prominent characteristic of the human family is the desire to be remembered. It is a strange and eccentric individual, indeed, who does not hold in some measure, at least, that desire.

As a result of that desire, the world to-day has many memorials. Go, if you will, to your silent cities of the dead, and there you will find mute but eloquent appeals for remembrance. Monuments in great number, some large, some small; mausoleums and tombs, ornate or otherwise, many of them constructed during the life of those most concerned, and built according to such plans and specifications as they desired to serve to perpetuate that mute appeal to be remembered. Foundations, memorial institutions, named funds, for

eleemosynary and philanthropic purposes are created. Trees and groves are planted, and all stand with silent but insistent request for remembrance.

Nor is that desire of human interest alone; it has divine precedent. Frequently we read in Holy Writ of the prominent place of memorials in the early history of the race. It was the Man of Galilee, who, on the night of his betrayal, when He had already entered into the shadow of the cross, brought into being an institution, simple and humble in its origin, which is perhaps the most widely observed of anything of its kind, or any other, for that matter, in all the world. And He said to his followers, whom He was so soon to leave, "Eat of this bread and drink of this cup, and do this in remembrance of Me." So this desire to be remembered has not only human sanction and indorsement but divine precedent.

Then there is a counterpart, the desire to do honor to those who have brought benediction and blessing to us, and to posterity, to remember. And, there is something of beauty and power in that insistent urge that dwells within the normal human heart, that wants to find some type of tangible expression for these feelings of reverence and gratitude.

And that, too, must be akin also to the divine; for the Holy Book of God has much to say by way of praise, and the giving of thanks, which must be a constituent part of the well rounded integral in the life of man. Being always thoughtful to praise, is surely one of the cardinal virtues, and in contrast how despicable ingratitude may become.

It seems to me, of all the sins
That hold men in their thrall,
The sin of base ingratitude
Is blackest of them all.

Among the great blessings which we enjoy in superlative measure is the glorious country in which we live. If the Jewish psalmist, then in exile, could sing: "O Jerusalem, if I forget thee, may my right hand forget her skill; if I remember thee not, may my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem beyond my highest joy." Most surely, if he could thus sing in his country, what ought to be the song of Americans? Privileged as we are beyond all in the recordings of time.

But our country is not such by mere accident. There have been prices to pay. Sacrifices which must be made. Blood and tears, and toil, have all been necessary to make this glorious heritage which is ours to-day. To-day, we thank those who have been willing to pay the price which has been so essential. Well may we sing:

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

America the beautiful. But no; not beautiful by accident. God has done his part, and we, to-day, would remember Him first of all. Then Jesus, too, for His supreme contribution to America. He, the Light of America. Jesus, the Light of the world.

Then God has used men and women. We would remember those who wittingly or unwittingly went forth at the call of God, to drive

forever from these fair shores the curse of human slavery and make it indeed a land of liberty. Four long years of bloody conflict, awful privations, wounds, and death for over 400,000. These we would remember. These we dare not forget lest we sin the sin of base ingratitude. Then through the years, through which the patriotism of peace must be carried on, the survivors of the carnage of battle have continued their contribution by a meritorious citizenship. As the ravages of time each year deplete the ranks of the living we find ourselves in sincere attempt to do honor to those who answered their final roll call during the last year.

The Grim Reaper has taken heavy toll from the survivors of that noble army, the Grand Army of the Republic. These, to-night, we would honor, and express for them an undying devotion.

Memorial Day, the 30th of May, is a day of remembrance to every member of the G. A. R. family. It is a Grand Army day. To us it is a holy day and not a holiday.

Each order of the G. A. R. family has been called upon to swell that innumerable caravan that moves to that mysterious realm from whose bourne no traveler returns. These will all be memorialized to-night and concrete expressions of remembrance given.

The allied orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, composed of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are as a great family, bound together by unusual and peculiar ties of fraternal devotion, and thus unite to honor all members of all the family who have crossed the Great Divide. These have labored well but have laid down their labors. We must see to it that the work which they so greatly loved shall go on to a glorious consummation. It is indeed a very fitting thing that we thus pause in this beautiful place, rich in its appointments and associations dedicated to the worship of God, and made sacred to the memory of His Son, the Lord Jesus, and here remember our friends.

Some of these lives were long, as we to-day consider time; lives full of years and good deeds. Others were taken in their prime of manhood and womanhood. But life is not to be always measured by the span of years, it is by the use we make of our years. Methuselah lived a long life, and the Holy Book says of him: "and all the days of Methuselah were 969 years; and he died." We believe many of these whom we honor to-day merit a larger mention than was given to this aged patriarch. He lived 969 years and he died.

THE LEGEND OF CULLODEN

There is an oft-repeated legend told that during the conflicts of the Stuarts, on the Moor of Culloden, in Scotland, where was fought a battle of frightful carnage; soon after the battle, from the soil which had been literally drenched by torrents of blood, there sprung up on that field a hitherto unknown flower. It was called the "Flower of Culloden." A flower of a peculiarly beautiful shade of blue. It seems the seeds had been lying dormant and inert through, no one knew how many years, until the blood of the valiants there provided the necessary element to cause them to germinate and

spring forth in marvelous beauty. So perhaps the blood and the sacrifices of the heroic men and the tears and toil of the noble women may have brought their munificent benedictions to the world. It must have been so in America.

Of the two groups here aforementioned, those who desire to be remembered and those who desire to remember, by far, the latter is the larger group. The memorial erected by those who would perpetuate their own good names, and "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches," these are but few as compared to those which have been erected by loving hearts and loyal hands, because of this semidivine attribute of the human heart to remember our benefactors. And those who gather here this evening, while perhaps all holding a natural, wholesome desire to be remembered after their passing, belong to that larger group who would "remember." And in the holy hush of this memorial hour we would remember. We would remember and honor those who have loved and served. We would remember, also, those who suffer most keenly because of their leavetaking; those near and dear by the ties of the flesh, as well as those of fraternity. And, in thus honoring them, we can but honor ourselves in the performance of this sacred service.

Everette H. Dunning has given us some very beautiful words, which, with apologies for some minor changes, we would leave with you in closing:

MEMORIAL DAY

To all the heart wounds touched afresh this day,
As on the altar here we lay
Thy flowers, Christ, in tender memory,
Give healing Thou
This eventide.

And for the sorrowing ones who yet remain,
To whom the heartbreak and the bitter pain
Come like the memory of an old song's sad refrain,
Have pity Thou
This eventide.

For all the losses of the lonely years;
For all the weight of shed and unshed tears;
For all forebodings, and all coming fears,
Give quietness
This eventide.

For all the flower of youth in battle slain,
By all the human heritage of pain;
The prayer that it may not have been in vain
We leave with Thee
This eventide.

Chairman CUMMINGS. We have had a memorial message, and now a memorial message in song is to be brought to us by Mrs. Margaret J. Lewis Bennett, who is to sing Face to Face.

(Face to Face was sung by Mrs. Margaret J. Lewis Bennett, past president of the National Woman's Relief Corps.)

Chairman CUMMINGS. And now the various organizations are to bring their own tributes for those who have passed away within their ranks; and the first tribute is to be given by the national chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Carrie A. Dean.

Mrs. Carrie A. Dean, national chaplain Woman's Relief Corps. It is indeed a solemn service to-night as we have listened to these words of praise and of song. I, as chaplain of the National Woman's Relief Corps, come with eyes raised to God and heart filled with love and gratitude to those that have made for us this country and what it is to-day, the Grand Army, those noble men.

Two past commanders in chief have been called to that great reunion. They have passed from the ranks. And the Woman's Relief Corps during the past year has laid to rest two past national presidents, Sue Pike Sanders and Inez Jamison Bender.

The departments, too, have been called upon to mourn their loss in the death of 11 of the comrades and 26 past department presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps. Not only that, but every corps has felt the loss of members totaling in all over 3,000.

To-night we bring our love and praise to them and we pay tribute with these flowers. May their sweet incense be raised to Heaven, as have the beautiful deeds of those that have gone out from our number.

I place these flowers in love and respect.

Chairman Cummings. The national chaplain of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns, will now pay her tribute.

Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns, national chaplain Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. As national chaplain of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is my sacred duty to-night to pay tribute to those of our number who have passed away during the past year, numbering over 1,500. I have chosen just a portion of my mother's chapter in the Bible as most fitting on this occasion, the fourteenth chapter of John:

> Let not your heart be troubled;
> Ye believe in God, believe also in me.
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> In my Father's house are many mansions;
> If it were not so, I would have told you.
> I go to prepare a place for you.
>
> And if I go and prepare a place for you,
> I will come again, and receive you unto myself;
> That where I am, there ye may be also.

I know of no more beautiful tribute to pay to the sisters who have passed away during the past year than that. I, as national chaplain, extend the sympathy of the national body to those who have had sorrow and who have lost loved ones during this last year. If it were not for the blessed promise of God that some day we shall all meet again, I feel sure that none of us could part with those we love. So our loss has been their gain, and they are to-night not with us in person, but I feel their very presence, every one of them, in this House of God to-night.

Something happened in our organization this year that has only happened once in all of the years that we have been a national body. That is the passing of the mother of our national president. One other national president was called upon to part with her beloved mother. Sister Rose Houlton during her administration had to part with her mother. And to-night I pay tribute also to Abbie

Mitchell, the mother of the national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, one who served the Grand Army and Ladies of the Grand Army for 45 years. Oh, how I wish you might have been at our installation last year and seen that beautiful picture, where the mother gave the obligation to that daughter, blessing her with the highest honor in the gift of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

And to-night Mother Mitchell looks down upon us, and it is my blessed privilege and sacred honor to place these flowers in memory of the sisters of the national body, as well as for Sister Mitchell, and in doing so I almost—I think I almost—hear Mother Mitchell say:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I will fear no evil;
For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

Chairman CUMMINGS. Now Mrs. Helen Alger Smith will bring the tribute as national chaplain of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. HELEN ALGER SMITH, national chaplain Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. As the national chaplain of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861–1865, I place these flowers in memory of the daughters who have gone to meet their fathers, and also for our first national president, Sister McMillan.

Softly the door is opened,
Softly the Master called,
Bidding His dear ones welcome
To the home that awaits us all.

Chairman CUMMINGS. The national chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Rev. Dr. J. Kirkwood Craig, will bring the tribute of that organization.

Rev. J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG, national chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. From the earliest dawn of civilization man has had an instinctive desire for immortality. When the pyramids were builded in Egypt the men there who had their servants in this life had made for them—some only a few, some a great many—little servants that were placed with them in their tombs. If they had the butcher and the baker and the candlestick maker in this life, they had also the butcher and the baker and the candlestick maker in replica accompany them into their tombs, in order that as they served them in this life they might serve them in the life to come.

When the red man roamed these plains and he, too, had come to the place where he had lived his threescore years and ten, more or less, when he too had come to face the Great Spirit, there were placed with him at his burying place the tomahawk and the bow and the arrow, and sometimes the favorite dog.

Man has an instinctive desire for immortality. As we stand by the side of the open grave we can hear the great man of Galilee again saying to us, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

With this instinct and with this desire, with this hope, with this faith, in memory of the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who have passed to their reward during this past year, as their national chaplain I lay this beautiful bouquet of flowers in their memory.

Chairman CUMMINGS. Now, the national chaplain of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Lida Doherty, will bring her tribute.

Mrs. LIDA DOHERTY, national chaplain, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I place these flowers on this altar in loving tribute to 370 members of our beloved order, 1 our first national president. She was our national president in 1887 and she was a wonderful member and a Christian woman. I place this flower piece on this altar in memory of every sister who has been called home during this year. As long as our hearts beat strong and true, my sisters, we will remember you.

Chairman CUMMINGS. Let me ask you now that you all be very reverent indeed and bow in silence, the silence of sweet and blessed memory, as the triple quartette sings for us that beautiful hymn, Nearer My God to Thee. Shall we all be very reverent?

(Nearer My God to Thee was sung by triple quartette.)

Chairman CUMMINGS. Let me ask that we conclude this service in a very beautiful and reverent way. We have been greatly lifted up. Our hearts have been touched this night as together we have honored the memory of these dear ones who have gone out on that great adventure during this past year.

You are to stand in a moment for the benediction. You are to remain standing while taps play here and then out in the hall at the rear, and then I ask that you remain standing even after that while Commander Town and the national commanders of the affiliated organizations pass out. Shall we stand for the benediction?

God, our Father, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Father of all men everywhere, we do again bring our tribute to memory to these we have loved and lost awhile, and we praise Thee, O Thou great Father and guide and keeper. Be with them. Be with them in this great adventure, the great adventure of immortality. And now may Thy grace, Thy mercy, Thy peace, that of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit abide with us forevermore. Amen.

(Taps was sounded by Mrs. Helen Kline.)

THE GRAND PARADE

The following accounts of the parade held on the forenoon of Wednesday, September 21, 1932, are taken from the Springfield papers of that and the following day:

[Illinois State Register]

G. A. R. Parade Thrills Throngs—1,200 Veterans March to Roar of Many Drums

While eager thousands watched with tear-dimmed eyes and throbbing hearts, nearly 1,200 old soldiers put on a stirring demonstration of Americanism to-day in the most colorful and picturesque parade in the history of Springfield.

Now cheering vigorously at some unique feature of the procession and now standing silently as the underlying solemnity of the historic occasion overwhelmed them, crowds jammed the downtown while 732 Civil War veterans trod slowly but proudly among the streets, while 23 rode because they are national officers and 327 used motor cars because they are too old to walk.

Their steps guided by women escorts and boy scouts and timed by the tunes of lively fife and drum corps, the old men trod the streets for nearly an hour, passing in review before their commander in chief and his associate national officers on the east side of the square.

The majority came from the northland, but a few, including several colored men, represented the States of Dixieland in to-day's historic parade. Now and then a comrade dropped out, unable to finish the 9-block march.

With physicians, stretchers, and ambulances dotting the streets, boy and girl scouts dashed about, taking the welcome drinks of water to the marchers, lending a helping hand to a faltering man, and keeping back the crowds.

The Department of Illinois had the largest walking delegation in the parade, numbering 112. Other large delegations came from Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kansas, and Indiana.

Boy and girl scouts and women relatives of many of the old soldiers walked with them, as they were unable to march the entire distance without assistance.

For one hour the procession moved along, to the plaudits of a solid bank of humanity along the streets from Fourth Street and Capitol Avenue east to Fifth Street, north to Washington, east to Sixth Street, and south to Jackson Street, where the parade disbanded.

From nearly every window facing the line of march, Springfield citizens watched the procession, while the streets, cleared of traffic, were jammed with eager residents and thousands of school children who were released from their studies for the morning.

HUSTON LEADS PARADE

Led by the erect, white-clad figure of Commander in Chief Frank C. Huston of the Sons of Union Veterans and three of his assistants and 125 Sons of Union Veterans from Pennsylvania, Col. Edwin J. Prittie, commanding the personal escort of the commander in chief, the vanguard of the parade reached the reviewing stand at 10.10 a. m.

Behind them, in an automobile, rode the commander in chief of the Grand Army, Samuel P. Town, of Philadelphia, and Mayor John W. Kapp. In succeeding motor cars rode other national officers of the G. A. R., all of whom left the machines and entered the stand, reviewing the remainder of the colorful procession. Police officers and boy scouts assisted some of them from the cars to the stand.

BUTLER GRAND MARSHAL

After a pause, a walking platoon of eight stalwart Springfield police officers led the parade proper, followed by Col. William J. Butler, grand marshal, and his assistants, Capt. J. P. Dunn and Capt. Bert Bringle, all on horseback. With drawn sword, Colonel Butler saluted the commander in chief as he passed. Five other present-day soldiers walked abreast.

In handsome, dark-blue uniforms trimmed in red, with scarlet tassels on their caps, members of the Springfield high-school band, under G. W. Patrick, brought the first notes of patriotic music to the thousands of onlookers.

As an escort, a large group of Pennsylvania Sons of Veterans and the reserve marched along, headed by a drum corps, the first of many that took part in the historic procession.

Forty men of the National Association of Civil War Musicians of the G. A. R., with a fife-and-drum corps, strode along, the first old soldiers to walk past the reviewing stand.

To the stirring tunes of the Beloit, Wis., drum corps the veterans from Indiana and Wisconsin marched, followed by white-clad members of the Woman's Relief Corps from Wisconsin.

Led by Adjt. Gen. W. F. Hambright, the large Pennsylvania delegation had a picturesque drum corps of women with blue and red capes and white dresses.

On a horse came Capt. H. Wirt Butler, of the National Guard.

Accompanying the Ohio delegation was the Daughters of Union Veterans Drum Corps from Cincinnati, all clad in white, with floopy hats. An 8-man fife-and-drum corps provided the music for this delegation.

Marching to the happy strains of The Sidewalks of New York, the New York delegation of more than 30 trod down Sixth Street, with one old soldier discarding a boy scout escort in front of the stand and sending him to the sidelines, determined to walk the rest of the way alone.

From Connecticut an even dozen were able to march in the procession.

Carrying several flags was a small Massachusetts delegation, followed by 13 New Jersey veterans and Daughters of the Union Veterans of New Philadelphia, clad in greenish-blue coats and capes with white skirts, while the drums and bugles sounded.

The Stein Song heralded the approach of the Maine veterans, seven of them, each accompanied by a woman escort, all marching with slow tread. They perhaps were the most all-feeble group in the parade.

The department of California and Nevada contributed 19 marchers, the last one stepping briskly and playing a mouth organ vigorously. Seven mounted National Guard men followed.

In red coats, white trousers, and black boots, soldiers of the last war, 32 of them from the Jacksonville State Hospital, played snappy music in their latest appearance in Springfield.

RHODE ISLAND OUT

There was nobody from Rhode Island able to march in the parade, but a boy scout carried the State's sign just the same.

New Hampshire had 5 walkers, Vermont 4, and the department of Potomac also 4, including 3 white men with canes and a colored man with a crutch.

Escorted by Spanish-American War veterans in uniform, there were five from Maryland. Four of them were assisted by white-clad women, and a boy scout helped the fifth along.

A score of Nebraskans also had women escorts ready to give them a helping hand if the march became too difficult.

Lieut. Ambrose Hancock, of Springfield, a National Guard man, led the Michigan delegation of 32.

FORTY FROM IOWA

The Iowa delegation was led by four men in dark coats and white trousers, with a Sons of Veterans' fife and drum corps and about 40 old soldiers, including a colored man carrying a shiny bugle.

Of the 47 from Indiana several became thirsty as they passed the stand and boy scouts dashed among them with water in paper cups.

The department of Colorado and Wyoming had 22 marchers, led by men with drawn swords.

Escorted by the Garfield Post Drum Corps of Wichita was the Kansas delegation of twoscore old men.

One of Minnesota's 22 walkers was a veteran who jauntily smoked a cigar as he stepped down the street.

There were 21 Missourians, 1 from Oregon and 10 from Kentucky, the latter accompanied by a colored band, all in their shirt sleeves and dressed entirely in white.

Nine men from West Virginia marched, the majority with the aid of canes, while the nine from South Dakota, included two drummers and a man blowing a fife.

A half-dozen represented the department of Washington and Alaska; 2 were from Arkansas, 3 from Utah, 2 from Tennessee, 7, including colored men, from Louisiana and Mississippi, and 8 from Florida.

A lone Montana marcher was accompanied by two women escorts and two boy scouts.

There were 3 from Texas, 2 from Georgia, none from South or North Carolina, although boy scouts carried the two States' signs, and a sextet of Oklahomans.

ILLINOIS MEMBERS LAST

Then came more than 100 Illinoisans, entitled to march at the head of the parade at all encampments because of the priority of their charter but taking the last place to-day as the host department.

They were led by Old Glory and the Rockford fife and drum corps. Further back among the Illinois marchers was the fife and drum corps of Grant Post of Chicago, proudly heralding a membership of 2,241. At their head marched a soldierly looking old man, while a like-appearing aged veteran hammered a drum vigorously and a young man blew the fife.

There were 10 from the Gen. John A. Logan post and near the rear were a group of men from Stephenson Post No. 32, of Springfield, saddened to-day by the absence of their commander, Col. H. B. Davidson, who is too ill to take part in the encampment he worked so hard to bring to this city.

Thirty-two National Guard cavalrymen brought up the rear of the marching veterans, followed by the drum corps of LaFore Lock Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Springfield, and 21 Wisconsin women in blue hats, red capes, and white skirts.

Then came the men upon whom time has fallen heavily, officially designated for to-day's parade as "disabled." In several score motor cars, traveling two abreast, they rode, waving flags and handkerchiefs and smiling warmly at the cheering crowds. Most of them were accompanied by woman relatives.

Leaving the parade as he reached the reviewing stand, Commander Huston of the Sons of Union Veterans entered the stand with his three associates, William L. Anderson, senior vice commander; James M. Hughes, jr., chairman of the council in chief, and Walter A. Waterman, patriotic instructor.

Commander in Chief Town and other G. A. R. national officers also left the parade and mounted into the stand, where Mrs. Town and national officers of the allied organizations were seated.

Among others in the stand were: Col. H. Sheridan Baketel of Jersey City, son-in-law of Commander Town, Adjutant Gen. Carlos E. Black, and Congressman Richard Yates.

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THOUSANDS THRILLED BY PARADE HERE—VETS ENJOY CAMP FIRE AT STATE ARSENAL—HOOVER SENDS GREETING—PROGRAM TO-NIGHT

Following their soul-stirring parade yesterday, members of the Grand Army of the Republic will turn their attention to-day to election of officers. St. Paul was chosen as the 1933 encampment city. The vote stood 247 for St. Paul to 207 for Grand Rapids.

After an entertainment to-night at the arsenal and a pilgrimage to-morrow to the grave of their founder, Maj. B. F. Stephenson, near Petersburg, and to Old Salem, the sixty-sixth national encampment will pass into history.

Drawing the largest crowd of spectators seen on Springfield's streets since the return of World War soldiers, the gallant Union veterans marched their way yesterday into the hearts of thousands who looked on. It took an hour for the parade to pass a given point. Continuous handclapping and cheers greeted the comrades as they inserted a brilliant chapter in the archives of Springfield's rich tradition of Civil War activities.

WEATHER IS IDEAL

"Beautiful," was the adjective Commander in Chief Samuel P. Town used to describe the parade as he left the reviewing stand on the east side of the courthouse square. "Why, there were 100 marchers from Illinois alone," he added.

Weather was ideal for the marchers, and the sun shone brightly. It was warm enough to keep boy scouts busy with water containers giving the marchers drinks along the way, but only a few of the veterans had to leave the line from fatigue. It was estimated that over 700 Union soldiers marched, with hundreds more riding in cars two abreast at the end of the parade.

Detonations of an aerial bomb sent the parade on its way from the formation point at Fourth Street and Capitol Avenue promptly at 10 a. m. The men marched east to Fifth Street; north to Washington; east to Sixth; south on Sixth past the reviewing stand, and thence to Jackson Street for disbandment.

CHIEF OF STAFF

At the head of the line were Chief of Staff Charles E. Nason, Maj. William J. Butler, marshal; Lieut. J. P. Dunn and Capt. Frank Osborne, aides, all riding horses.

The Springfield high school band and units of the Sons of Union Veterans were escorts for Commander in Chief Town and Mayor John W. Kapp, jr., who occupied the lead car. National officers, executive committee members, and past national commanders followed in automobiles. All entered the reviewing stand with Commander Town. Adjt. Gen. Carlos E. Black, Owsley Brown, the chairman of the executive committee, and Congressman Richard Yates were included in this group.

Various ladies' drill units were in the parade, acting as escorts for the various department delegates. Wisconsin was the first department in the line, followed by Pennsylvania, home of the commander in chief, whose sizable delegation of veterans wore white vests with their uniforms. Ahead of these delegations marched the National Association of Civil War Musicians.

Anyone who saw the veterans march by could not help but know that there is enough "pep" left in their step for several years to come. Cheered to the echo, the comrades waved in return, shook hands, and had a general good time. Many were so feeble that they contented themselves with plodding along and letting their more able comrades greet the throng.

COLLECTION OF CANES

The marchers displayed a varied collection of canes with which they are aided in their remaining years. In the eye of each, whether walking erect or stooped, the glitter of pride at marching once again behind the grand old flag for which they fought as boys.

Departments represented by one marcher alone included: Potomac, Virginia, North Carolina, and Oregon. Tennessee had two, as did Arkansas. New Hampshire and Utah were represented with three each. Illinois, being the home State, sent the largest number of marchers into line. Florida's five marchers included one veteran with an empty sleeve. Charles E. Jones, well known in Springfield and Beardstown, represented Alabama as its department commander.

The Illinois marchers, 100 strong, were led by Henry C. First, Rock Island, department commander. Veterans who could not march occupied scores of automobiles that moved two abreast in the line at the rear of all marchers. Illinois National Guard units were in the parade. Musical organizations, in addition to those of visiting delegations, included the Jacksonville Legion band, the LaFore Lock Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, drum and bugle corps, Springfield, McLean County fife and drum corps, and the greater Springfield band.

PUPILS SEE PARADE

School children figured prominently in spectators along the line of march. Many were equipped with small American flags which they waved enthusiastically as the boys in blue marched by.

The battle flag of Gen. John A. Logan, held aloft at Vicksburg by W. J. Dowell, now dead, was carried in the parade by A. E. Page, who soldiered side by side with Dowell in the war.

Another historic touch in the parade was seen in the uniforms used by the drill units of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, who were near the head

of the parade. With the exception of one or two which are copies, the uniforms are those in which Union veterans paraded down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D. C., in the grand review at the close of the Civil War in 1865.

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THE PARADE—ITS MEANING

Mingled emotions of joy and sorrow quickened the pulse beats and flooded the hearts of the people of Springfield and central Illinois to-day.

The Grand Army of the Republic passed in review.

Sincere joy was inspired by the presence of these heroic old soldiers. It was an inspiration to see them marching the streets that Lincoln trod, here in the shadow of the tomb of their former and now immortal commander in chief who "belongs to the ages."

No more inspiring spectacle has been witnessed in the history of this capital of liberty—nothing so impressive since the burial of Lincoln.

The sorrow that mingles with our joy to-day comes with the thought that these gallant veterans, typifying so beautifully the thought conveyed by the song, Onward, Christian Soldiers, are marching slowly but surely to the inevitable. In a few more years they will be with us no more.

Now we are challenged with a responsibility. If this parade means anything, it is a challenge to the best citizenship of Illinois and America.

If this parade means anything, it should inspire a rededication to the idealism of Lincoln's address at Gettysburg.

It means that we must honor these dear old soldiers with emulation as well as adulation.

It means that we must consider, as Lincoln said at Gettysburg, "the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced."

It means that we must "highly resolve" in the presence of these Grand Army veterans "that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that the government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

We must be mindful that privilege and greed are responsible for a new slavery threatening American liberties and requiring a new heroism which the Grand Army parade to-day has inspired in the souls of men who think in terms of the welfare of mankind, the sanctity of American liberty and the sublime presence of God.

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THE GRAND ARMY MARCHES BY

Another of the annual parades of the Grand Army of the Republic has passed into history. Staged in the home city of Abraham Lincoln, during one of the most memorable of the order's encampments, it was a never-to-be-forgotten demonstration.

It is improbable that ever again will it be possible to have in line so many veteran marchers. It is certain that never again will a Grand Army parade be witnessed by a more appreciative outpouring of people. Enthusiasm with which the brave old men were greeted was heartfelt. Tears of gratitude welled to the eyes of onlookers as they smiled encouragement and applauded the bodily infirm but stout-hearted boys in blue.

There was in that short parade of yesterday inspiration akin to that evoked in the hearts of the people when these soldiers, marching in the vigor of young manhood, went to the front. That there were so few representative survivors of the Union host was not material. In the withering few remained the spirit of the buried millions. And it touched the patriotic emotions of succeeding generations just as it influenced their grandfathers and grandmothers years ago. It was a march of triumph—a glorious parade.

Springfield has witnessed numerous great demonstrations of every character. It has been accustomed to look upon long lines of marchers in uniform, military and civic, and upon imposing religious processions. The Grand Army itself, in its younger days, played an important part in patriotic gatherings in the city. Impressions left by no one of these will be more enduring than recollections of the Grand Army parade of 1932.

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HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF,
Philadelphia, Pa., September 21, 1931.

1. Having been elected and installed commander in chief by the Sixty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume command.

2. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established in Philadelphia, Pa., at room 340, City Hall, where all official communications should be addressed to the adjutant general.

3. The following appointments are hereby announced: Adjutant general, W. F. Hambright, Lancaster, Pa.; quartermaster general, Edward Hurley, Buffalo, N. Y.; judge advocate general, John Reese, Broken Bow, Nebr.

4. Further appointments will be announced in future orders.

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Commander in Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 2
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Philadelphia, Pa., November 20, 1931.

I. At the sixty-fifth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Des Moines, Iowa, September 13–17, 1931, the following-named comrades were elected to the offices designated below:

Commander in chief, Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.
Senior vice commander in chief, Oley Nelson, Slater, Iowa.
Junior vice commander in chief, Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.
Surgeon general, Dr. Samuel A. Campbell, Mattoon, Ill.
Chaplain in chief, Rev. Jesse B. Bartley, Omaha, Nebr.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Alabama: Charles E. Jones, Tuscaloosa.
Arkansas: Cos Altenberg, Little Rock.
California and Nevada: H. J. Judell, San Francisco.
Colorado and Wyoming: A. J. Rawson, Olathe, Colo.
Connecticut: George A. Tucker, Hartford.
Delaware: James Lynn, Wilmington.
Florida: M. W. Strong, St. Petersburg.
Georgia and South Carolina: Henry Bruner, Fitzgerald, Ga.
Idaho: George Kingsbury, Emmett.
Illinois: William P. Wright, Chicago.
Indiana: David N. Foster, Fort Wayne.
Iowa: John T. Lucas, Marshalltown.
Kansas: W. W. Nixon, Jewel City.
Kentucky: M. H. Davidson, Louisville.
Louisiana and Mississippi: John Wright, Vicksburg.
Maine: S. C. Hastings, Portland.
Maryland: John T. Holmes, Baltimore.
Massachusetts: Waldo Turner, East Weymouth.
Michigan: Albert Dunham, Lansing.
Minnesota: Samuel E. Mahan, St. Paul.
Missouri: A. J. P. Barnes, Joplin.
Montana—

Nebraska: David Jack, Peru.
New Hampshire: Joseph Willis, Woodsville.
New Jersey: Joseph A. Goodrich, Jersey City.
New York: Martin V. Stone, Jamestown.
North Dakota: Albert Roberts, Devil's Lake.
Ohio: Emmett F. Taggart, Akron.
Oklahoma: R. L. Johnson, Tonkawa.
Oregon: H. V. Gates, Hillsboro.
Pennsylvania: Dr. L. F. Arensburg, East Millsboro.
Potomac: John Middleton, Brentwood, Md.
Rhode Island: Samuel A. Whelden, East Providence.
South Dakota: W. H. Cornell, Brookings.
Tennessee: F. M. Underwood, Nashville.
Texas: John Shearer, Houston.
Utah: Ira Storms, Salt Lake City.
Vermont: John H. Amadon, Waterville.
Virginia and North Carolina: Coraine Sessoms, Norfolk.
Washington and Alaska: J. E. Gandy, Spokane.
West Virginia: Thomas Carder, Parkersburg.
Wisconsin: E. B. Heimstreet, Lake Mills.

II. The following appointments on the staff of the commander in chief are hereby announced:

Adjutant general, W. F. Hambright, Lancaster, Pa.
Quartermaster general, Edward Hurley, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general, John Reese, Broken Bow, Nebr.
Inspector general, Ira R. Wildman, Danbury, Conn.
National patriotic instructor, John F. Pickerill, Seattle, Wash.
Assistant adjutant general, Fred A. Burt, Providence, R. I.
Assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records, Jacob Barron, Philadelphia, Pa.
Chief of staff, Charles E. Nason, Portland, Me.
Senior aide de camp, Joseph B. Henninger, Indianapolis, Ind.

III. Comrade John R. King, Baltimore, Md., was elected to succeed himself as trustee of the permanent fund for a term of three years.

IV. At a meeting of the national council of administration, held at the Shrine Temple, Des Moines, September 17, 1931, it was voted that the executive committee of the national council of administration should consist of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, and five members of the council of administration to be appointed by the commander in chief. In accordance with this action the following-named comrades are hereby appointed members of the executive committee:

William P. Wright, Chicago, Ill.; David N. Foster, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Dr. L. F. Arensberg, East Millsboro, Pa.; John T. Holmes, Baltimore, Md.; M. H. Davidson, Louisville, Ky.

V. Official headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established in room 340, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., where all official communications to the commander in chief and adjutant general should be addressed.

VI. Springfield, Ill., was chosen as the meeting place of the sixty-sixth national encampment, date to be announced later.

VII. The following committees are appointed:

Rules and regulations and ritual: Samuel R. Van Sant, Minneapolis, Minn.; Dr. Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y.; James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa; Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, Wis.; James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.

Legislation: John R. King, Baltimore, Md.; Edwin J. Foster, Worcester, Mass.; Alfred E. Stacy, Elbridge, N. Y.; Dr. H. A. Johnson, Washington, D. C.; Walter S. Tully, Hillside, N. J.

VIII. All requisitions for supplies, etc., with remittances therefor, must be sent to the quartermaster general, Edward Hurley, 1601 City Hall, Buffalo, N. Y. Drafts, checks, and money orders should be made payable to him as quartermaster general. All remittances for amounts of less than $5 must be sent in post-office money order.

IX. Assistant adjutant generals are requested to forward promptly to these headquarters notice of the death of any permanent member of the national encampment in their respective departments, with brief sketch of their military and Grand Army service for publication in general orders.

X. Assistant adjutant generals are requested to send to the adjutant general immediately on receipt of these orders a copy of the department roster and the journal of the last department encampment; also department general orders.

XI. Assistant adjutant generals are requested to send to Chaplain in Chief Jesse B. Bartley, 3817 California Street, Omaha, Nebr., the name and address of their department chaplain, and to the national patriotic instructor, John F. Pickerill, Seattle, Wash., the name and address of their department patriotic instructor.

XII. Comrades are advised that requests for an opinion or an appeal from the decision of a department commander must be made to the commander in chief through department headquarters. The judge advocate general can render an opinion only to the commander in chief, and requests sent him out of the regular order will be returned.

XIII. Department commanders will forward to these headquarters the names of comrades whom they wish to recommend for appointment as aids-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief. The full name of each comrade recommended, his post number, and post-office address should be given, so that notice of appointment may be sent him promptly.

XIV. The commander in chief desires to visit as many department encampments as possible, and that he may arrange for these visitations at an early date department commanders are requested to notify these headquarters immediately as to the location and the approximate date of their next encampment.

XV. The following resolutions were adopted by the sixty-fifth national encampment:

1. A resolution requesting the Congress to pass a bill providing a pension of $100 per month for all soldiers, sailors, and marines, regardless of disabilities or complaints, who served 90 days during the Civil War and were honorably discharged and have now reached the age of 80 years.

2. A resolution requesting the Congress to change the pension eligibility of widows of soldiers, sailors, or marines of the Civil War, providing that a widow who has been the wife of a soldier, sailor, or marine of the Civil War for five years prior to his death and has lived with him and cared for him up to and at the time of his death be granted a pension at the same rate and on the same basis as is now granted Civil War widows.

3. A resolution granting to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the right to maintain our memories and see that our graves are properly decorated on Memorial Day in any place where a camp of the Sons of Union Veterans exists.

4. A resolution recognizing the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as an allied organization of the Grand Army of the Republic.

5. A resolution insisting that the city of New York shall at once furnish the funds for the final completion of the tomb of General Grant according to the proposed plans of the architect and thus make good the promises given, under which his remains were given to that city for final interment.

6. A resolution advocating that the United States Navy be built up to the limit as allowed by the London naval treaty, believing that the carrying out of the naval defense act in full is the surest prevention of war and the most certain step to insure world peace.

7. A resolution of thanks to the officials and citizens of the city of Des Moines and the State of Iowa for their unbounded hospitality, to the Boy Scouts for their considerate care of the veterans, and to all who contributed to our entertainment.

XVI. Department commanders and assistant adjutants general are reminded of the importance of forwarding their reports for the term ending December 31, 1931, with per capita tax, not later than February 1, 1932. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Edward Hurley, quartermaster general, but should be sent with Forms C and D to W. F. Hambright, adjutant general, 340 City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

XVII. The commander in chief extends greetings to all his comrades and to the representatives assembled at the sixty-fifth encampment in Des Moines his sincere thanks for their confidence in bestowing upon him the highest honor to be conferred upon a comrade. Every effort will be made to maintain the dignity and standard of the Grand Army of the Republic in its present high position.

XVII. When these orders reach the posts the season of "peace and good will among men" will be approaching and the commander in chief and adjutant general wish for all their comrades and the members of the allied orders a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

By command of—

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Commander in Chief.
W. F. HAMBRIGHT,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

NEBRASKA

Comrade Lewis F. Ruppel, commander of the Department of Nebraska, died at his home in Sargent, Nebr., October 6, 1931, aged 84 years. He enlisted May 10, 1864, in Company I, Forty-seventh Iowa Infantry, and was discharged September 28, 1864. Comrade Ruppel was elected department commander in May, 1931.

Comrade Lucius D. Richards, past commander of the Department of Nebraska, elected in 1909, died at his home in Fremont, Nebr., August 19, 1931, aged 85 years. Comrade Richards enlisted as private September 3, 1862, in Company I, Fifteenth Vermont Infantry, and was honorably discharged August 5, 1863. He reenlisted September 12, 1864, in Company K, Seventeenth Vermont Infantry, and was mustered out of service June 2, 1865.

Comrade Wilson E. Majors, past commander of the Department of Nebraska, elected in 1917, died at his home in Peru, Nebr., September 8, 1931. Comrade Majors enlisted in Company C, First Nebraska Cavalry, June 13, 1861, was promoted to lieutenant November 17, 1865, and was mustered out July 1, 1866.

PENNSYLVANIA

Comrade John B. Patrick, past commander of the Department of Pennsylvania, elected in 1927, died at his home in Harrisburg, Pa., October 4, 1931, aged 84 years. Comrade Patrick enlisted first in the three months' service Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; reenlisted July 9, 1864, in the One hundred and ninety-third Pennsylvania Infantry, was transferred September 22 to independent company in the Ninety-seventh Infantry, and was discharged in June, 1865.

UTAH

Comrade W. L. Goodsell, past commader of the Department of Utah, died in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 30, 1931. Comrade Goodsell enlisted in Company D, Fiftieth New York Engineers, August 19, 1864, and was discharged June 13, 1865. He was elected department commander in 1923, reelected in 1924 and again in 1925.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 3
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Philadelphia, Pa., March 21, 1932.

I. The Sixty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Springfield, Ill., September 18–24, 1932. The national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps will be located in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel.

II. The various passenger associations have granted a rate of one fare for the round trip, certificate plan. Complete information will be given in future general orders. Those to whom the reduced rate will apply are:

(*a*) Members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(*b*) Wives and dependent members of the family of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(*c*) Widows of deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(*d*) Members and dependent members of the families of members of the following auxiliary and allied organizations holding conventions in connection with the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:

(1) Woman's Relief Corps.
(2) Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.
(3) Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
(4) Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
(5) Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
(6) All Army nurses of the Civil War.

III. The Springfield committee anticipates a large attendance at the encampment and is planning a splendid reception for us. Hotel accommodations may be had as follows:

Single rooms, without bath	$1.75–$2.50
Single rooms, with bath	3.00– 3.50
Double rooms, without bath	3.00– 3.75
Double rooms, with bath	4.00– 7.00

Direct all requests for rooms and all other information to Mr. C. G. Koller, manager convention and publicity bureau, Springfield, Ill.

IV. Comrade Joseph A. Goodrich, member of the national council of administration from the Department of New Jersey, is appointed a member of the executive committee.

V. The commander of the Department of Montana having appointed Comrade George I. Reiche, Helena, Mont., a member of the national council of administration to fill a vacancy, the appointment is hereby confirmed.

VI. The address of George A. Tucker, member of national council of administration from the Department of Connecticut, incorrectly given in general orders No. 2, is New Haven, Conn.

PENSION LEGISLATION

VII. The commander in chief and members of the legislative committee visited Washington, D. C., the first week in February in the interest of pension legislation. Representatives from the auxiliary and allied organizations were present and attended with us the hearing before the Committee on Pensions. All spoke in favor of H. R. 7230, which provides a pension for the widows of soldiers of all wars who have been married five years and were living with husband at time of his death. The bill provides a pension of $30 a month, with an increase to $40 a month at age of 50 and an increase to $50 a month at age of 70 years.

We also attended the hearing before the Committee on Invalid Pensions and advocated the passage of H. R. 8082, which provides a pension of $100 a month for all Civil War veterans who served 90 days or who having served less than 90 days, were discharged for a disability incurred in the service, and also advocated an amendment to section 2, which would eliminate the marriage date limitation and would provide a pension of $50 a month for all widows of Civil War soldiers who have been married five years and were living with husband at time of his death.

We were given a very cordial reception by the members of both committees and by other Members of Congress whom we met and feel greatly encouraged and hopeful of success. However, you are urged to write your Representatives at once, asking them to vote for H. R. 7230 and H. R. 8082, with amendment, and to your Senators in favor of S. 3809, which is the same as H. R. 7230.

VIII. The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements. are hereby appointed aid-de-camps on the staff of the commander in chief:

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Hall, George W., Post 138, Orange.
Rous, James C., Post 162, Redlands.

IDAHO

Dougal, John, Post 27, Nampa.
Pottenger, J. W.,[1] Caldwell.

ILLINOIS

Ambrose, Thomas, Post 5, Chicago.
Beam, Charles W., Post 5, Chicago.
Campbell, James H., Post 444, Chicago.
Creamer, E. C., Post 140, Tolono.
Cummings, John H., Post 28, Evanston.
Davidson, H. B., Post 30, Springfield.
First, Henry C., Post 248, Rock Island.
Hall, E. A., Post 30, Springfield.
Hickok, S. G., Post 798, Chicago.
Holt, John M., Post 312, Moline.
Lake, Lewis F., Post 1, Rockford.
Lewis, A. E., Post 204, Georgetown.
McFarland, Henry, Post 1, Rockford.

[1] Members at large.

Metzger, William, Post 376, Chicago.
Morris, William N., Post 379, Litchfield.
Norton, Joseph M., Post 1, Rockford.
Oakley, Charles, Post 5, Chicago.
Plattenberger, J. P., Post 406, Savanna.
Reed, Julius R., Post 5, Chicago.
Ross, Joseph N., Post 32, Springfield.
Ruckel, George K., Post 30, Springfield.
Sarver, J. Paul, Post 30, Springfield.
Schutz, William, Post 30, Springfield.
Stone, James A., Post 30, Springfield.
Volkman, Louis, Post 5, Chicago.
Walker, Gerry, R., Post 20, Aurora.
Williams, Jacob, Post 30, Springfield.
Wing, H. A., Post 444, Chicago.
Zimmerman, D. C., Post 273, Vandalia.

INDIANA

Bowden, James, Post 78, Muncie.
Cowan, E. H., Post 7, Crawfordsville.
Gallicott, Jasper N.,[1] North Vernon.
Jones, A. A., Post 3, Miami, Fla.
McClelland, Edward, Post 78, Muncie.
Manning, A. G., Post 198, Elkhart.
Murphy, Samuel C., Post 40, Fort Wayne.
Rariden, Moses,[1] Liberty.
Rice, James S.,[1] Elkhart.
Rogers, Henry C., Post 9, Rockville.
Scott, Thomas, J.,[1] Paoli.
Stanfield, E. P.,[1] South Bend.
Tower, Elijah,[1] Campbellsburg.
Van Doran, L. D.,[1] Elkhart.
Wilmington, O. N., Post 17, Indianapolis.

MAINE

Benson, George T., Post 97, Oakland.
Brown, Nelson R., Post 7, Lewiston.
Carleton, Leroy T., Post 21, Winthrop.
Emerson, Samuel F., Post 96, Skowhegan.
Fogler, John W., Post 96, Skowhegan.
Goulding, George W., Post 97, Oakland.
Hastings, Simon C., Post 113, Portland.
Martin, John, Post 2, Portland.
Philbrick, F. S., Post 16, Rockland.
Raynes, Joseph, Post 108, Yarmouth.
Riley, Edwin, Post 38, Livermore Falls.
Walker, Edmund L., Post 2, Portland.
Wardwell, Cyrus T., Post 19, Lewiston.
White, Nathaniel W., Post 13, Malden, Mass.

MASSACHUSETTS

Batchelder, Henri, Post 156, Everett.
Boyd, Leonard, Post 62, Newton Highlands.
Bronson, John E., Post 144, East Dedham.
Buxton, Albert A., Post 19, Fitchburg.
Evans, T. J., Post 58, East Weymouth.
Faunce, Hiram S., Post 110, Randolph.
Fitts, Julius A., Post 117, Medfield.
Frampton, Robert, Post 121, Hyde Park.
Gay, George A., Post 195, Nashua, N. H.
Gilman, Albert I., Post 185, Lowell.
Hall, George L., Post 2, Dorchester.
Hatch, John F., Post 73, Rockland.
Hopkins, Henry N., Post 3, Taunton.
King, David, Post 15, Everett.
O'Reilly, Francis J., Post 56, Cambridge.
Peel, Charles F., Post 49, Salisbury.
Ryder, John J., Post 203, Buzzards Bay.
Stoddard, Joseph F., Post 11, Chelsea.

NEW JERSEY

Holden, Jonathan,[1] Trenton.

NEW YORK

Benzino, Joseph, Post 9, Buffalo.
Eldridge, George C., Post 24, Dumont, N. J.
Howard, G. H., Post 9, Buffalo.
Josef, Emanuel, Post 2, Buffalo.
Maxwell, John, Post 9, Buffalo.
Weber, Fred J., Post 2, Buffalo.

PENNSYLVANIA

Anderson, A. T., Post 120, Washington.
Anderson, William H., Post 190, Jeannette.
Andrews, Enos L., Post 2, Philadelphia.
Betts, Samuel C., Post 331, Meadville.
Buchanan, John B., Post 2, Montague, Mich.
Bullard, Francis E., Post 2, Philadelphia.
Carls, H. V., Post 468, Altoona.
Cash, Henry, Post 71, Philadelphia.
Casterlin, Dennis C., Post 2, Philadelphia.
Chatley, Homer, Post 141, Bradford.
Day, Wade J., Post 120, Washington.
Dolphin, Thomas J., Post 149, Media.
Fritz, Madison G., Post 433, Greenville.
Gabrio, A. W., Post 20, Hazleton.
Gillet, G. W., Post 12, Philadelphia.
Good, Martin, Post 405, Lancaster.
Greenwood, Henry T., Post 71, Philadelphia.
Livezey, Benjamin F., Post 2, Philadelphia.
Loomis, Charles M., Post 88, Pittsburgh.
McKay, W. A., Post 220, Utica.
Meconnahey, Charles W., Post 114, Philadelphia.
Neel, William H. R., Post 2, Germantown.
Nicholson, James B., Post 2, Philadelphia.
Quigley, James J., Post 2, Philadelphia.
Sayler, William L., Post 467, Annville.
Shafer, William H., Post 468, Altoona.
Walter, William H., Post 21, Philadelphia.
Watson, George W., Post 405, Lancaster.
Williams, John W., Post 38, Etna.

RHODE ISLAND

Abbott, James A., Post 1, Providence.

By command of

SAMUEL P. TOWN, *Commander in Chief.*
W. F. HAMBRIGHT, *Adjutant General.*

IN MEMORIAM

Comrade Ell Torrance (christened Eliakim), past commander in chief, died at his home in Minneapolis, Minn., February 18, 1932, aged 87 years. He was born in New Alexandria, Pa., May 16, 1844, and was educated in the public schools and Eldersridge Academy. He enlisted as a private in Company A, Ninth Pennsylvania Reserves, June 26, 1861, and saw active service with his regiment until he was mustered out, May 11, 1864. October 15, 1864, he was commissioned second lieutenant in an independent company, Ninety-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry and was mustered out June 17, 1865. He was one of the detachment which guarded the body of Abraham Lincoln when it lay in state in Washington. One of his unusual recollections of the war was his memory of the Battle of Gettysburg, when he looked across the battlefield and saw his 63-year-old father, white hair flying in the breeze, astride a white horse,

[1] Members at large.

plunging forward with his regiment, the Eleventh Pennsylvania Infantry, of which he was the chaplain.

After the war, Comrade Torrance read law in Pittsburgh and was admitted to the bar in 1867. He first practiced law at Brookfield, Mo., remaining there 12 years. While there he was elected probate judge of Linn County, serving in that capacity from 1870 to 1874. He also served as city attorney at Brookfield. Deciding he wanted a larger field, he and Mrs. Torrance visited several large cities in Missouri, Nebraska, and Minnesota, and finally decided on Minneapolis, where they moved in 1883.

Comrade Torrance became a charter member of Rawlins Post, was elected commander of the Department of Minnesota in 1895, was appointed judge advocate general in 1897, 1898, and 1899, and was elected commander in chief in 1901. He had been a leader in Minneapolis civic, political, educational, and legal affairs. He served 18 years—13 years as president—on the State Normal School board. He was a dignified, kindly man, always considerate of others and intensely interested in and loyal to his comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and two daughters.

Comrade Francis A. Walsh, past commander in chief, died at his home in Milwaukee, Wis., March 5, 1932. In memoriam notice will appear in future general orders, when necessary information has been received from department headquarters.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

William H. Noll, adjutant general, 1927; department commander, 1921; assistant adjutant general, 1924 and 1925; died November 30, 1931, aged 84 years; enlisted February 16, 1865, Company H, One hundred and fifty-first Illinois Infantry; mustered out January 24, 1866.

James E. Burns, commander of the Department of Oklahoma in 1901; transferred to Department of California and Nevada in 1908; assistant adjutant general, 1911; enlisted August 16, 1861, Thirty-ninth Indiana Infantry; reenlisted as quartermaster sergeant, Eighth Indiana Cavalry, and served until close of war.

COLORADO AND WYOMING

Abraham L. Emigh, appointed adjutant general in January, 1931; died November 10, 1931; enlisted July 12, 1863, Company K, Forty-sixth Pennsylvania Infantry; mustered out August 18, 1863.

CONNECTICUT

Charles M. Shailer, department commander, 1927; died December 3, 1931, aged 91 years; enlisted April, 1861, Company A, First Connecticut Infantry; reenlisted Company I, Seventh Connecticut Infantry; mustered out July 18, 1865.

DELAWARE

Moses Weil, department commander; died in office, January 26, 1932, aged 95 years; served throughout the war in the Fifth Ohio Cavalry.

ILLINOIS

Henry K. Wolcott, junior vice department commander, 1918; died February 6, 1932; enlisted in Forty-second Illinois Infantry; later commissioned major for bravery; mustered out January 10, 1866.

William J. Cochran, department commander, 1896; judge advocate general, 1925; served three years in One hundred and twenty-sixth Illinois Infantry.

KANSAS

R. G. Blackwood, senior vice department commander, 1924; died in September, 1931; enlisted September 2, 1862; private, Eleventh Missouri Cavalry; taken prisoner and paroled; reenlisted July 7, 1864, Company F, Thirty-ninth Missouri Infantry; mustered out in March, 1865.

KENTUCKY

Isaac Palmer, senior vice department commander, died in office December 15, 1931; served as private in Company A, One hundred and forty-fifth Indiana Infantry.

Thomas A. Casey, department commander, 1918, died December 15, 1931; served as sergeant major, One hundred and forty-fifth Indiana Infantry.

MAINE

John Quincy Adams, department commander, 1917, died November 24, 1931, aged 86 years; enlisted as private in Sixth Maine Battery, November 9, 1861, discharged as gunner, June 19, 1865.

Henry E. Merriam, department commander, 1920, died January 15, 1932, aged 94 years; enlisted as private in Company A, Forty-fifth Massachusetts Cadet Regiment in August, 1862, mustered out as corporal, 1863.

Charles E. Moulton, senior vice department commander, 1886, died February 9, 1932, aged 84 years; enlisted as saddler, Company G, First District of Columbia Cavalry, January 5, 1864, mustered out February 16, 1865, on account of wounds received in action.

George W. Goulding, department commander, 1919, died February 29, 1932, aged 91 years; enlisted as private in Company E, First Minnesota Infantry, May 29, 1861, discharged as corporal, Company E, United States Veteran Volunteers, March 10, 1866.

MICHIGAN

Henry Spaulding, department commander, 1920, assistant adjutant general, 1912 to 1919, 1921 to 1925, died December 8, 1931, aged 89 years; enlisted Company H, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Infantry, September 9, 1861, discharged August 27, 1862, on account of wounds received in action.

Louis Kanitz, department commander, 1894, died November 22, 1931, aged 93 years; enlisted as sergeant, Seventeenth Missouri Infantry, discharged February 14, 1864; reenlisted in September, 1864, in Company G, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, and served until close of the war.

NEW YORK

Alfred E. Sholes, commander of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina in 1891, transferred to Department of New York in 1925, died July 29, 1931, aged 86 years; enlisted Company B, First Rhode Island Infantry, April 17, 1861, mustered out August 2, 1861; reenlisted as private in Company I, Fourth Rhode Island Infantry, September 21, 1861, mustered out October 15, 1864.

OHIO

John McClay, department commander, 1928, died October 10, 1931, aged 82 years; enlisted as drummer boy, Forty-third Ohio Infantry, and served throughout the war, often carrying a rifle and at times did hazardous duty.

OREGON

H. S. Lilligar, department commander, 1927, died February 13, 1932; served in Company B, First Delaware Cavalry.

RHODE ISLAND

Benjamin L. Hall, department commander, 1887, died October 20, 1931, aged 92 years; enlisted Company I, Fifth Rhode Island Infantry, December 16, 1861, mustered out May 5, 1863.

Samuel A. Whelden, member of national council of administration and department ocmmander, 1922, died March 8, 1932, aged 88 years; enlisted as corporal, May 26, 1862, mustered out September 1, 1862.

UTAH

C. W. A. Schnell, assistant adjutant general, died in office November 13, 1931; elected department commander 1919, assistant adjutant general 1918 and 1919, 1923 to 1931; enlisted Company M, First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, February 15, 1865, mustered out September 27, 1865.

W. L. Goodsell, department commander, 1923, 1924, and 1925, died October 20, 1931; served in Company D, Fiftieth New York Engineers.

J. M. Van Dervoort, past senior vice department commander, 1921, died October 20, 1931; served in Ninth Indiana Battery.

WISCONSIN

John Helweg, department commander, 1930, died July 27, 1931, aged 87 years; enlisted in 1861 and served three years.

A. W. Eaton, department commander, 1923, died February 16, 1932; served throughout the war in Company H, Second New Hampshire Infantry. Was department chaplain at time of his death.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 4
SERIES 1931-32

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Philadelphia, Pa., April 9, 1932.

Rest comrades, rest and sleep!
The thought of men shall be
As sentinels to keep
Your rest from danger free.
Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers.
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours.

I. In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, Monday, May 30, will be observed as Memorial Day.

II. Let the graves of all, who enlisted in their country's service, be decorated with the flag for whose preservation they offered their lives. Let flowers be placed on their graves and also scattered on the waters in memory of our sailors who fought as valiantly upon the sea as did our soldiers upon the land.

III. As provided by the Forty-fifth National Encampment, on Memorial Day flags should be placed at half mast until 12 o'clock, when bells shall be tolled for five minutes, during which time every comrade shall remain standing with uncovered head in tribute to his departed comrades.

IV. The national encampment has directed that General Logan's Memorial Day Orders and President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address shall be read as a part of the public services on Memorial Day.

GENERAL LOGAN'S MEMORIAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDER
No. 11

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains and their deaths a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of—

JOHN A. LOGAN, *Commander in Chief.*

N. P. CHIPMAN, *Adjutant General.*

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new Nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now, we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that Nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that Nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

V. Sunday, May 22, will be observed as memorial Sunday. All posts are urged to attend divine service on that day, inviting their auxiliary and allied organizations to accompany them.

VI. Post commanders, wherever possible, will detail comrades to visit the schools during the week preceding Memorial Day at such time as the school authorities may designate. The children anticipate these visits and are interested in the personal recollections of the veterans of the Civil War.

VII. The second Sunday in May has been dedicated to mothers for some years. Time has not effaced from our memory the recollection of the sacrifices our mothers made, and in their memory let us, on Sunday, May 8, wear a white flower.

The bravest battle that ever was fought!
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you will find it not,
'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

VIII. Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14, posts are urged to hold patriotic exercises in conjunction with their auxiliary and allied societies, inviting the public to assist.

Show the flag and let it wave
As a symbol of the brave;
Let it float upon the breeze
As a sign for each who sees
That beneath it where it rides,
Loyalty to-day abides.

Show the flag and signify
That it wasn't born to die;
Let its colors speak for you
That you still are standing true,
True in sight of God and man
To the work that flag began.

IX. The following committees are appointed to prepare resolutions. On the death of Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance: Samuel R. Van Sant, past commander in chief; Louis F. Arensberg, past commander in chief; Charles Burrows, past quartermaster general.

On the death of Past Commander in Chief Frank A. Walsh: James W. Willett, past commander in chief; W. H. Chesbrough, department commander of Wisconsin; Smith Stimmel, past national patriotic instructor.

X. The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements, are hereby appointed aides de camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

Massachusetts: Morrill, Albert F., Post 82---------- Marblehead.
Montana: Adams, C. E., Post 10---------- Austinburg, Ohio.
Wisconsin:
Bigford, Royal A., Post 130---------- Fon du Lac.
Bigley, John A., Post 88---------- Lacrosse.
Dudley, Fayette, Post 87---------- Alma Centre.
Heimstreet, E. B., Post 26---------- Lake Mills.
Hooker, C. L., Post 170---------- Superior.
Koblitz, Conrad, Post 146---------- Columbus.
Pounder, G. N., Post 26---------- Jefferson.
Stannard, Henry, Post 212---------- Greenbush.

By command of—

SAMUEL P. TOWN, *Commander in Chief.*

W. F. HAMBRIGHT, *Adjutant General.*

IN MEMORIAM

Comrade Frank A. Walsh, past commander in chief, died at his home in Milwaukee, Wis., March 5, aged 84 years. He was born in East Greenwich, R. I., July 9, 1847. At the age of 15 he enlisted as a private in Company H, Sixty-seventh Illinois Infantry, June 2, 1862, and was mustered out October 8, 1862.

Comrade Walsh moved to Milwaukee in 1883, where he became prominent in the affairs of the community and of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was elected commander of E. B. Wolcott Post No. 1 in 1903 and department commander in 1910, was appointed inspector general in 1902, and was elected commander in chief in 1926. He had served for many years as a member of the board of managers of the Wisconsin Veterans' Home at Waupaca.

Comrade Walsh was a man of sterling qualities, was highly respected, and was always ready to help his comrades and the members of the affiliated orders. He is survived by three daughters.

CONNECTICUT

Comrade Wilbur F. Rogers, department commander, 1893, died March 4, 1932, aged 90 years; enlisted May 2, 1861, as private in Company F, First Scott Life Guard of New York, serving two years; reenlisted as sergeant in Company G, Thirty-fifth New Jersey Zouaves, and served until the close of the war.

Dr. Frank A. Cargill, department commander, 1930, died March 5, 1932, aged 83 years; enlisted as private in Company G, Sixth New Hampshire Infantry, June 8, 1864, serving until the close of the war.

INDIANA

Comrade Samuel M. Hench, department commander, 1917, and judge advocate general, 1930, died March 15, 1932; enlisted in Company F, Eighty-third Indiana Infantry; was transferred to Company E, Forty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and was mustered out July 15, 1865.

Comrade Alonzo Murphy, department commander, 1918, died March 28, 1932; enlisted August 15, 1863, in Company F, One hundred and seventeenth Indiana Infantry, and was mustered out February 24, 1864.

UTAH

Comrade Lyman L. Hudson, department commander, 1926 and 1927, died in March, 1932; enlisted in Company F, One hundred and seventy-sixth Ohio Infantry, on January 24, 1865, and was discharged as musician, June 12, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 5
SERIES 1931–32

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Philadelphia, Pa., August 1, 1932.

I. As previously announced in general orders, the sixty-sixth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Springfield, Ill., September 18–23, 1932.

II. National headquarters will be temporarily established in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Friday, September 16, 1932.

III. Detailed program of meetings and entertainment may be secured from the local committee on arrival in Springfield.

IV. The Springfield committee and citizens of the city are making every effort to have this one of the best encampments ever held. All who desire rooms should write Mr. C. G. Koller, manager convention and publicity bureau, Springfield, Ill., stating the kind of accommodations they wish and the price they want to pay. This will make it easier for the committee to make assignments promptly.

V. *Railroad rates.*—The various passenger associations have granted a reduced rate of one fare for the round trip going and returning via the same route, certificate plan. Tickets may be purchased providing for one route

going and a diverse route returning at a slightly higher rate. For this information consult your local ticket agent. Those to whom the reduced rates will apply are:

(*a*) Members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(*b*) Wives and dependent members of the family of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(*c*) Widows of deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(*d*) Members and dependent members of the families of members of the following auxiliary and allied organizations holding conventions in connection with the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:

(1) Woman's Relief Corps.
(2) Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.
(3) Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
(4) Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
(5) Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
(6) All Army Nurses of the Civil War.

VI. *Dates of sale.*—In the New England Association, Trunk Lines Association, Central Association and Southeastern Passenger Association territories, tickets will be on sale September 14 to 21.

In Arkansas, Colorado (Julesburg only), Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin, September 14 to 21.

In Colorado (except Julesburg), Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming, September 13 to 19.

In Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon (except via California), Utah, and Washington, September 12 to 18.

California, September 11 to 18, and Oregon via California, September 10 to 17.

The final return limit on all tickets is November 1, 1932. Stop-overs will be allowed at all stations within final limit on either going or returning trip, or both, on application to conductor.

Validation will not be required except on tickets from Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington.

VII. *Reduced fares to St. Louis and Kansas City.*—The Alton Railroad Co. has announced the following reduced fares to St. Louis and Kansas City:

$4 round trip, Springfield to St. Louis and return, good in coaches only.

$5.30 round trip, Springfield to St. Louis and return, good in parlor cars and sleeping cars.

$11 round trip, Springfield to Kansas City and return, good in coaches only.

$14.32 round trip, Springfield to Kansas City and return, good in parlor cars and sleeping cars.

Tickets will be sold on September 22, 23, 24, and 25, with return limit to arrive in Springfield not later than midnight October 2.

VIII. Special patriotic services will be held in all the churches in Springfield, Sunday morning, September 18, to which all the comrades and members of the auxiliary and allied orders are cordially invited.

IX. Sunday, September 18, at 1 p. m., tribute to the memory of our war-time commander will be paid at the Lincoln Tomb by the commander in chief, Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, national president, Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Helen Lehman, national president, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Harriett J. Goetz, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Rev. Frank C. Huston, commander in chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Mrs. Willma L. Combs, national president, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of members of all these organizations.

X. Sunday at 2 p. m. the Daughters of Union Veterans will dedicate a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic on the Old State House grounds.

XI. The annual meeting of the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic will be held Sunday, September 18, at 2.30 p. m. in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, following which the annual banquet will be held at 5 o'clock.

XII. Sunday evening, at 8 o'clock, the joint memorial service of the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be held in the First Christian Church. There should be a large attendance at this meeting

in memory of our deceased members, as there will be no memorial service in any of the conventions.

XIII. The following comrades are appointed committee on credentials:

W. F. Hambright, adjutant general, chairman.

Alfred E. Stacey, assistant adjutant general, Department of New York.

M. H. Davidson, assistant adjutant general, Department of Kentucky.

John P. Risley, assistant adjutant general, Department of Iowa.

Joseph E. Hall, assistant adjutant general, Department of Oregon.

This committee will meet at national headquarters, Monday, September 19, at 10 a. m. and at 1.30 p. m.

XIV. Assistant adjutants general are requested to procure at national headquarters a copy of the roll of the encampment, prior to the meeting of the credentials committee, and make any necessary corrections before the meeting of the committee.

XV. The executive committee of the national council of administration will meet at national headquarters, Monday, September 19, at 11 a. m.

XVI. The national council of administration will meet at national headquarters, Monday, September 19, at 11.30 a. m.

XVII. Comrades William P. Wright, Illinois; David N. Foster, Indiana; and E. F. Taggart, Ohio, members of the national council of administration, will audit the books of the quartermaster general and report to the national council of administration at its meeting on Monday.

XVIII. Aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief will report to the chief of staff at national headquarters, Monday, September 19, at 3 p. m.

XIX. Department commanders, or representatives, will report to the chief of staff at national headquarters, Monday, September 19, at 4 p. m., for instructions regarding the parade.

XX. The semiofficial meeting of the encampment will be held Monday evening, September 19, at 8 o'clock, in the arsenal.

XXI. Tuesday, September 20, at 2 p. m., there will be a trip to Camp Butler, with services and entertainment.

XXII. Tuesday evening, September 20, the Springfield committee will tender a ball and reception to the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated orders in the armory.

XXIII. Wednesday, September 21, the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place at 10 a. m. The route and formation of the parade will be announced in later general orders.

XXIV. The following comrades are hereby detailed as color bearers:

National color bearer, Elijah Jones, Illinois.

Naval color bearer, John C. Chapman, California and Nevada.

Headquarters color bearer, John Little, Pennsylvania.

XXV. The first business session of the sixty-sixth national encampment will convene in the house of representatives chamber, State House, Wednesday, September 21, at 2.30 p. m.

XXVI. Department commanders will report to the adjutant general not later than 9 p. m., Tuesday, September 20, the name of their representative on the committee on resolutions and their nomination for the national council of administration.

XXVII. Department commanders are requested to notify these headquarters immediately on receipt of these orders of the expected time of arrival of their department in Sprinfield.

XXVIII. Friday, September 23, at 9 a. m., the Springfield committee has arranged for a trip to Petersburg, where services will be held at the grave of Dr. B. F. Stephenson, founder of the Grand Army of the Republic, and thence to Old Salem Park, where lunch will be served, and there will be an entertainment, old fiddlers' contest, etc.

XXIX. The national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and its auxiliary and allied orders will be located in Springfield as follows:

Abraham Lincoln Hotel: Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, Army Nurses of the Civil War.

St. Nicholas Hotel: Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Leland Hotel: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

XXX. The commander of the Department of Rhode Island, having appointed Comrade Charles H. Bullock, Providence, a member of the national council of

administration, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Samuel Whelden, the appointment is hereby confirmed.

XXXI. The commander of the Department of Arkansas, having appointed Comrade John Q. Hays, Little Rock, a member of the national council of administration to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Cos Altenberg, the appointment is hereby confirmed.

XXXII. The commander of the Department of Virginia and North Carolina, having appointed Comrade Joseph Shaw, Norfolk, Va., a member of the national council of administration to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Coraine C. Sessoms, the appointment is hereby confirmed.

XXXIII. The following comrades having complied with the necessary requirements are hereby appointed aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Blair, Robert C., Post 55, Los Angeles.
Brown, Barney, Post 181, Long Beach.
Castle, Frank W., Post 191, Ocean Park.
Chapman, John C., Post 2, San Francisco.
Clough, John P., Post 55, Los Angeles.
Conant, Almaron W., Post 20, Santa Rosa.
Crouch, Robert M., Post 55, Los Angeles.
Dietzman, Frederick, Post 50, Oakland.
Dumser, J. S., Post 169, Oakland.
Gardinier, Arthur, Post 50, Oakland.
Gilmore, M. T., Post 33, San Diego.
Guth, Martin, Post 50, Oakland.
Hornaday, W. H., Post 171, Yountville.
Judell, Herman L., Post 2, San Francisco.
Lynch, P. D., Post 57, San Bernardino.
Lyon, Robert, Post 93, Pasadena.
McClure, Joseph A., Post 33, San Diego.
McDavid, William, Post 52, Santa Barbara.
Mass, Peter H., Post 1, San Francisco.
Mennet, O. H., Post 55, Los Angeles.
Mingay, Henry M., Post 170, Glendale.
Morton, H. O., Post 153, W. Los Angeles.
Mullen, John M., Post 19, Chico.
Murphy, Daniel, Post 50, Oakland.
Northern, William B., Post 172, San Diego.
Reed, David, Post 182, Whittier.
Robinson, Edward G., Post 7, San Jose.
Sallada, W. H., Post 55, Los Angeles.
Shaw, Alfred J., Post 6, Los Angeles.
Smith James H., Post 50, Hayward.
Spencer, Charles H., Post 188, Los Angeles.
Van Eaton, G. L., Post 131, Fullerton.
Veatch, H. C., Post 96, Gridley.
Vermillion, R. J., Post 50, San Francisco.
Wert, J. William, Post 50, Oakland.
Wharff, William H., Post 1, San Francisco.
Wilkinson, E. G., Post 23, Stockton.
Willson, J. S., Post 55, Los Angeles.
Wolcott, Darwin, B., Post 55, Los Angeles.
Wood, Henry Hilton, Post 181, Long Beach.
Yoho, Samuel R., Post 2, San Francisco.
Yost, Henry, Post 1, San Francisco.
Young, F. R., Post 50, Oakland.

CONNECTICUT

Heitle, Charles L., Post 50, Hartford.
Jarvis, Ebenezer N.,
Lewis, Henry, Post 2, Hartford.
Mell, August, Post 50, E. Hartford.
Patrick, William P., Post 65, Noroton Heights.

ILLINOIS

Richardson, George L., Post 299, Dixon.

INDIANA

Akers, A. L., Post 31, Indianapolis.
Mabus, William, Post 37, Elkhart.
Olinger, George E., Post 37, Elkhart.
Kinney, John, Post 37, Elkhart.

IOWA

Baker, John F., Post 16, Newton.
Boyd, Henry, Post 4, Columbus Junction.
Douglas, E. F., Dysart.
Emms, S. R., Post 26, Perry.
Foster, Wm. H., Post 29, Council Bluffs.
Frease, Hiram, Post 321, Brooklyn.
Hanes, J. C., Post 12, Des Moines.
Humphreys, William, Post 308, Oakley.
Kellogg, Winfield S., Miles.
Lemberger, J. L., Post 69, Ottumwa.
Martin, Wesley, Post 66, Webster City.
Morse, M. H., Post 130, Wyoming.
Prall, C. C., Post 12, Des Moines.
Quade, Frank L., Post 78, Dubuque.
Sullivan, J. B., Post 88, Clinton.
Williams, Nathan, Post 7, Des Moines.
Wilson, Clark, Post 34, Audubon.
Witter, Benjamin O., Post 26, Perry.

KANSAS

Fair, J. P., Post 34, Mankato.
Fetter, C., Post —, Ottawa.
Hoffman, F. J., Post 90, Coffeyville.
Lonergan, John, Post 9, Marysville.
Murphy, Isaiah C., Post 14, Sterling.
Murray, Charles, Post 64, Parsons.
Way, A. J., Post 46, Holton.
Wingrove, Charles, Post 88, Clay Center.

MINNESOTA

Nocton, David W., Post 4, Minneapolis.

NEBRASKA

Johnson, George, Post 118, Tekamah.

NEW YORK

Bauer, Joseph, Post 397, Rochester.
Beebe, Alexander F., Post 323, Watertown
Brainard, Calvin A., Post 9, Chicago, Ill.
Coles, George M., Post 271, Fulton.
Collins, Thomas D., Post 266, Middletown.
Farrell, Christopher A., Post 313, New York.
Frost, Frank P., Post 6, Elmira.
Griffiths, Edward M., Post 29, New York.
Hays, John W., Post 5, Brookview.
Lester, Jacob, Post 30, Binghamton.
Ostrander, Alson B., Post 516, Seattle, Wash.
Oxx, Warren W., Post 226, Hornell.
Rowe, Nelson E., Post 30, Binghamton.
Shaddock, S. B., Post 276, Corning.
Van Alstyne, Frank, Post 275, Webster.
Vossler, George A., Post 20, Poughkeepsie.

OHIO

Benedict, G. U., Post 131, Mansfield.
Biles, Theodore H., Post 47, Cincinnati.
Davies, L. D., Post 1, Columbus.
Fry, George W., Post 162, Richmond Dale.
Hughes, L. H., Post 54, Findlay.
Layton, F. S., Post 117, Marion.
Somers, A. L., Post 87, Shaker Heights.

PENNSYLVANIA

Drips, H. W., Post 4, Derry.
Myers, Benjamin L., Post 46, Norristown.
Rich, Louis F., Post 162 N. S., Pittsburgh.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

Hobbs, Josephus, Post 47, Spokane.
Tart, Theo., Post 89, Everett.
Tomlinson, R., Post 8, Spokane.
Tompkins, J. W., Post 5, Olympia.

WISCONSIN

Bills, Edward C., Post 7, Omro.
Crave, Peter, Post 54, Beloit.
Hambright, C. M., Post 1, Milwaukee.
Morton, George W., Post 4, Berlin.
Sampson, Lloyd D., Post 1, Milwaukee.

By command of

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Commander in Chief.

W. F. HAMBRIGHT,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

ARKANSAS

Comrade Cosper Altenberg, member of the national council of administration and elected department commander in 1907, died June 7, 1932, aged 90 years. He enlisted as private in Company H, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, September 24, 1861, and was discharged in 1862; reenlisted as private in Company A, First Indiana Heavy Artillery, and was mustered out in January, 1866.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Comrade Henry H. Woodruff, elected department commander in 1928, died March 8, 1932. He served in Company A, Twenty-third Ohio Infantry.

Comrade J. L. Hattery, elected senior vice department commander in 1928, died in February, 1932.

IDAHO

Comrade S. H. McCullough, elected department commander in 1930, died March 8, 1932. He served in Company H, One hundred and thirty-ninth Ohio Infantry.

INDIANA

Comrade F. F. McNair, elected department commander in 1931, died July 22, 1932. He served in the Thirty-second Illinois Infantry.

KANSAS

Comrade Patrick H. Coney, elected department commander in 1905 and reelected in 1906, died July 24, 1932, aged 86 years. He enlisted in Company H, One hundred and eleventh New York Infantry, March 21, 1864, was later appointed musician; was transferred June 5, 1865, to Company H, Fourth New York Heavy Artillery, and was mustered out August 5, 1865. He was appointed judge advocate general in 1913 and inspector general in 1915.

KENTUCKY

Comrade James A. Fisher, elected senior vice commander in 1932, died in office, June 29, 1932, aged 86 years. He served in Company H, Eighteenth Kentucky Infantry during the war.

MASSACHUSETTS

Comrade Henry N. Comey, elected department commander in 1925, died April 15, 1932, aged 92 years. He enlisted as private in Company G, Second Massachusetts Infantry, November 1, 1861, was promoted to second lieutenant and first lieutenant, and was commissioned captain May 24, 1864, and was mustered out July 14, 1865.

NEW JERSEY

Comrade Johnston Riley, elected senior vice department commander in 1927, died March 17, 1932. He enlisted September, 1864, as private in Company C, Thirty-ninth New Jersey Infantry, and was mustered out in June, 1865.

Comrade Josiah R. Kirkbride, elected senior vice department commander in 1903, died July 26, 1932, aged 90 years. He enlisted August 26, 1862, as private in Company B, Twenty-third New Jersey Infantry, and was discharged June 27, 1863; reenlisted July 4, 1863, and was mustered out July 23, 1863.

NEW YORK

Comrade Oscar Smith, elected department commander in 1912, died January 26, 1932, aged 86 years. He enlisted October 28, 1861, and was discharged May 13, 1863.

OHIO

Comrade Charles H. Durfee, elected junior vice department commander in 1927, died December 27, 1931, aged 84 years. He enlisted October 14, 1861, as private in Company G, First Battalion, Eighteenth United States Infantry, and was discharged April 11, 1862; he reenlisted as musician in Company G, Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry July 20, 1862; was taken prisoner October 20, 1863, and was confined at Belle Isle, Libby, Andersonville, and Florence, S. C.; was paroled December 7, 1864, and was mustered out with his company July 12, 1865. He reenlisted August 16, 1866, in Troop I, Seventh United States Cavalry, and was discharged as sergeant August 16, 1879.

Comrade Samuel N. Fletcher, elected senior vice department commander in 1928, died January 16, 1932, aged 87 years. He enlisted August 9, 1862, as musician in Company D, One hundred and thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Infantry, and was mustered out May 29, 1863; reenlisted as musician in Company I, Fiftieth New York Engineers, January 26, 1864, and was discharged June 19, 1865.

PENNSYLVANIA

Comrade A. Judson Pugh, elected junior vice department commander in 1931, died in office December 14, 1931, aged 83 years.

Comrade Milton P. Cashner, elected junior vice department commander in 1926, died December 19, 1931.

Comrade Martin R. Good, elected senior vice department commander in 1931, died in office April 3, 1932, aged 88 years. He enlisted in 1864 in Company K, One hundred and ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, and served until the close of the war.

Comrade William T. Powell, elected department commander in 1907, died May 3, 1932, aged 85 years.

Comrade Phil Engelskirger, elected department commander in 1929, died June 23, 1932, aged 81 years. He enlisted as a drummer boy in the Regular Army in 1864.

POTOMAC

Dr. William Tindall, elected department commander in 1932, died in office April 30, 1932, aged 88 years. He served three years during the war in Company G, First Delaware Infantry.

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA

Comrade Coraine C. Sessoms, member of the national council of administration and department chaplain, died June 17, 1932, aged 87 years. He enlisted as private in Company G, Second United States Colored Cavalry, February 20, 1864, and was mustered out January 9, 1866.

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TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
ABRAHAM LINCOLN HOTEL,
Springfield, Ill., September 17, 1932.

I. As previously announced in General Orders, No. 5, the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place at Springfield, Ill., Wednesday, September 21, at 10 a. m.

II. The parade will be organized by departments, each department under the command of the senior officer of the department, present at the encampment. Departments will be assigned to a position in line in order of seniority of date of charter and will form in column of four files front. Each department will

promptly take up the line of march as uncovered. Distance between departments will be 60 feet, between posts 20 feet, and between files 6 feet.

III. The column will form promptly at 9.15 a. m., and will move at 10 a. m. sharp.

IV. The formation of the parade will be reported at 9.45 a. m. by Charles E. Nason, chief of staff, to the commander in chief.

V. A preparatory gun will be fired at 9.45 a. m. Another gun fired at 10 a. m. will be the signal to start.

VI. Department commanders will carefully oversee the formation of their respective departments and will close up to the left of the department on the right, but on the march will maintain a distance of 60 feet between departments. Markers will be placed, designating the place of formation of each department. The guide will be right throughout the march.

VII. Department commanders must not leave the column after passing the reviewing stand, but will continue with their respective departments to the point of dismissal of the column.

VIII. In passing the reviewing stand colors will not be dipped. Officers with side arms will give the officer salute with sword. Officers without side arms will salute by touching the right hand to the brim of the hat and looking toward the reviewing officer. Comrades in ranks will not salute but will look toward the reviewing officer.

IX. Bands and drum corps will take the time of the preceding musical organization so that the marching column may maintain the same step. All bands will play in passing the entire length of the reviewing stand.

X. The march will be in common time, the cadence 90 steps to the minute. Bands marching in close proximity will alternate in playing.

XI. The commander in chief will review the column at the reviewing stand on the east side of the courthouse grounds.

XII. It is desired that every member of the Grand Army of the Republic, present in Springfield, will make an effort to participate in the parade, whether he is in uniform or not, but it is hoped that all will try to appear in the regulation uniform of the order.

XIII. Women, children, and civilians will be prohibited from participating in the parade and department commanders are directed to enforce this order in their respective departments.

XIV. No flags or standards except the National, State, and post flags and standards will be allowed in the parade. Regimental flags and banners will not be allowed. No flags will be allowed in the parade except those flying from the staff.

XV. All caricatures, impersonations of Lincoln or "Uncle Sam" or other characters, and undignified exhibitions of any kind will be excluded from the parade.

XVI. National officers and past commanders in chief will ride in autos at the head of the column, in advance of the national aides-de-camp. Autos will not be allowed in the parade in or between departments. Autos will be furnished for comrades who are unable to march and these autos will be found on Second Street, south of Jackson Street.

XVII. When the column reaches the reviewing stand the commander in chief, national officers, and past commanders in chief will leave the parade and take their places on the stand. Their autos will continue on, turning right on Adams Street and will remain there until the parade passes. After the parade, they will return to the stand to take national officers and past commanders in chief to Abraham Lincoln Hotel.

XVIII. Aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief will report to senior Aide-de-Camp Joseph B. Henninger at national headquarters at 9 a. m.

XIX. National officers, members of the executive committee, and post commanders in chief, will report to chief of staff, Charles E. Nason at national headquarters at 9 a. m. for assignment to autos.

XX. Department commanders will report to Chief of Staff Nason at national headquarters, Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Monday, September 19, at 4 p. m., for instructions regarding the parade.

XXI. The line of march will be about three-quarters of a mile over asphalt streets as follows:

Starting at Fourth Street and Capitol Avenue; east on Capitol Avenue to Fifth Street; north on Fifth Street to Washington Street; east on Washington Street to Sixth Street; south on Sixth Street to Jackson Street, where parade will disband.

XXII. The line of march will form as follows:

Platoon of mounted police will form across Capitol Avenue east of Fourth Street.

Band will form on east side of Fourth Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on Capitol Avenue.

Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Frank C. Huston, commander in chief, will form on Fourth Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of the band.

Commander in chief, national officers, members of executive committee, and past commanders in chief in autos, in the order named, will form on Fourth Street, north of Monroe Street, right resting on Monroe Street.

National aides-de-camp will form on the west side of Fourth Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on Capitol Avenue.

The departments will form in order of seniority, as follows:

2. Department of Wisconsin, George L. Thomas, commander, will form on west side of Fourth Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of aides-de-camp.

3. Department of Pennsylvania, Jacob Barron, commander, will form on west side of Fourth Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Wisconsin.

4. Department of Ohio, S. F. Bell, commander, will form on Fourth Street, south of Capitol Avenue, right resting on Capitol Avenue.

5. Department of New York, Henry J. Kearney, commander, will form on Fourth Street, south of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Ohio.

6. Department of Connecticut, Lewis L. Baker, commander, will form on Fourth Street, south of Capitol Avenue, right resting on Capitol Avenue.

7. Department of Massachusetts, Edwin H. Lincoln, commander, will form on Fourth Street, south of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Connecticut.

8. Department of New Jersey, William H. Bilbee, commander, will form on Fourth Street, south of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Massachusetts.

9. Department of Maine, John W. Fogler, commander, will form on Fourth Street, south of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of New Jersey.

10. Department of California and Nevada, J. S. Dumser, commander, will form on Fourth Street, south of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Maine.

11. Department of Rhode Island, Henry A. Knox, commander, will form on Capitol Avenue, west of Fourth Street, right resting on Fourth Street.

12. Department of New Hampshire, Charles H. Estes, commander, will form on Capitol Avenue, west of Fourth Street, right resting on left of Department of Rhode Island.

13. Department of Vermont, Charles F. Heyer, commander, will form on Capitol Avenue, west of Fourth Street, right resting on left of Department of New Hampshire.

14. Department of Potomac, William F. Dorsey, commander, will form on Capitol Avenue, west of Fourth Street, right resting on left of Department of Vermont.

15. Department of Virginia and North Carolina, Charles Grandy, commander, will form on Capitol Avenue, west of Fourth Street, right resting on left of Department of Potomac.

16. Department of Maryland, George T. Leech, commander, will form on Capitol Avenue, west of Fourth Street, right resting on left of Department of Virginia and North Carolina.

17. Department of Nebraska, C. P. Lomax, commander, will form on Capitol Avenue, west of Fourth Street, right resting on left of Department of Maryland.

18. Department of Michigan, Orestus Blake, commander, will form on Third Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on Capitol Avenue.

19. Department of Iowa, Thomas J. Noll, commander, will form on Third Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Michigan.

20. Department of Indiana, James Bowden, commander, will form on Third Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Iowa.

21. Department of Colorado and Wyoming, Alba J. Rawson, commander, will form on Third Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Indiana.

22. Department of Kansas, J. H. Harvey, commander, will form on Third Street, south of Capitol Avenue, right resting on Capitol Avenue.

23. Department of Delaware, James T. Twigg, commander, will form on Third Street, south of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Kansas.

24. Department of Minnesota, C. M. Peet, commander, will form on Third Street, south of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Delaware.

25. Department of Missouri, A. M. Reynolds, commander, will form on Third Street, south of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Minnesota.

26. Department of Oregon, James M. Jones, commander, will form on Third Street, south of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Missouri.

27. Department of Kentucky, Robert T. Smith, commander, will form on Third Street, south of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Oregon.

28. Department of West Virginia, S. W. Coffey, commander, will form on Capitol Avenue, west of Third Street, right resting on Capitol Avenue.

29. Department of South Dakota will form on Capitol Avenue, west of Third Street, right resting on left of Department of West Virginia.

30. Department of Washington and Alaska, T. F. Coley, commander, will form on Capitol Avenue, west of Third Street, right resting on left of Department of South Dakota.

31. Department of Arkansas, Samuel E. Henderson, commander, will form on Capitol Avenue, west of Third Street, right resting on left of Department of Washington and Alaska.

33. Department of Utah, Elias Price, commander, will form on Capitol Avenue, west of Third Street, right resting on left of Department of Arkansas.

34. Department of Tennessee, Abner Read, commander, will form on Capitol Avenue, west of Third Street, right resting on left of Department of Utah.

35. Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, William Rochester, commander, will form on Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Tennessee.

36. Department of Florida, Logan J. Dyke, commander, will form on Second Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on Capitol Avenue.

37. Department of Montana, William H. Myers, commander, will form on Second Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Florida.

38. Department of Texas, John Shearer, commander, will form on Second Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Montana.

39. Department of Idaho, Jeremiah Williams, commander, will form on Second Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Texas.

41. Departments of Georgia and South Carolina, J. F. McGregor, commander, will form on Second Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Idaho.

42. Department of Alabama, Charles E. Jones, commander, will form on Second Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

43. Department of North Dakota, M. Skarison, commander, will form on Second Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Alabama.

44. Department of Oklahoma, Lemuel C. Coffin, commander, will form on Second Street, north of Capitol Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Alabama.

45. Department of Illinois, Henry C. First, commander, will form on Second Street, south of Capitol Avenue, right resting on Capitol Avenue.

46. Disabled veterans in autos will form on Second Street, north of Monroe Street, right resting on Monroe Street.

47. Illinois National Guard, Capt. Mark Plaisted, commanding, will form on Second Street, north of Monroe Street, right resting on Monroe Street.

By command of

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Commander in Chief.

W. F. HAMBRIGHT,
Adjutant General.

In Memoriam

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ELL (ELIAKIM) TORRANCE

Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance was born May 16, 1844 in the village of Alexandria, Westmoreland County, Pa. He was under military age, but with his parents' consent he offered his services to his country. When his term of enlistment expired he enlisted in Company K, One hundred and ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was promoted to second lieutenant. He was mustered out of service June 17, 1865, by reason of the termination of the war. He was a good soldier and was in every battle in which his regiment participated, was wounded during the second battle of Bull Run. He was the eldest of three brothers who served in the Army, the youngest only 16 when he enlisted. His father was chaplain of the Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserves. Certainly his was a patriotic family.

At the close of the war he entered into the study of the law and was admitted to practice in the courts of Pennsylvania.

Comrade Torrance was married to Anna Mary Macfarlane, September 22, 1868. It was a most happy union, lasting more than 60 years. Immediately thereafter he and his bride made their home in Brookfield, Mo., where all his children were born. Here he served as probate judge for four years, also held the office of city attorney. In 1881 he moved to Minnesota, where he lived until his death, February 18, 1932.

He was a charter member of John A. Rawlins Post No. 126, a most active member, and served as its commander. He was department commander in 1895, and was elected commander in chief at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1901. At the head of the Grand Army of the Republic he did his utmost to bring a friendly feeling between the ex-Union and Confederate veterans; with him the war was over when Lee surrendered, and he did all he could to have the asperities and animosities of the war banished, and when and where possible had joint campfires of the blue and the gray.

In 1898 he was commander of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, was a member of the Minnesota Order of the American Revolution, was a life member of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, was a member of the board of visitors to the United States Military Academy in 1902. (The centenary of the building of the academy.)

Comrade Torrance had the distinction of having charge of the guard of honor that cared for the body of Abraham Lincoln as

it lay in state in Baltimore on its way to Springfield where all that remains of our war President will rest forever. He was chairman of the national committee of the G. A. R. for the celebration, by the surviving Union and Confederate veterans, of the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. This was an event of great importance in his life, for he participated in this great battle which has been well termed the high tide of the Confederacy.

Not only did he give service in time of war, but he was ever active in civic affairs. In addition to his Grand Army and professional duties he gave generously of his time to the public welfare. For 18 years he was a member of the State normal school board, and 14 years its president. For half a century he was one of Minnesota's foremost citizens. It can truly be said that his life was one of service—service for others.

SAMUEL R. VAN SANT.
L. F. ARENSBERG.

ELL TORRANCE

COMMANDER IN CHIEF. 1901

FRANK A. WALSH
COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1926

In Memoriam

FRANK A. WALSH

Comrade Francis Augustin Walsh, past commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was born in East Greenwich, R. I., July 9, 1847, a son of James and Mary F. (O'Neil) Walsh. Both parents were natives of Dublin, Ireland, from whence they came to the United States in the early forties, and settled in Rhode Island. In 1854 the family moved to Frumansburg, N. Y., thence to Lena, Ill., in 1855, where the senior Walsh died soon thereafter, and the widow, with a family of seven children, continued to reside thereat for many years until she died.

Comrade Walsh received his education in the public schools of Lena, Ill., and in May, 1862, at the age of 15 years, enlisted as a private in Company H, Sixty-seventh Illinois Infantry, and was mustered out, October 6, 1862, at Camp Douglass, Ill., at the expiration of his term of enlistment. Following his discharge, Comrade Walsh devoted his time and energy to railroad mechanics and similar work; he became very successful in that line and was recognized as a prominent mechanical engineer and inventor.

In April, 1872, at Elgin, Ill., Comrade Walsh was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ella Jones; to this union four children were born. Comrade Walsh and family moved to Milwaukee, Wis., in 1883 and continued to reside there down to the date of his death; Mrs. Mary Ella Walsh, his wife, died in 1917 at Milwaukee. Three daughters survive him.

Comrade Walsh received a stroke of apoplexy on Monday and died at his home, 2601 West Kilbourne Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis., the following Saturday, March 5, 1932. He was given a soldier's burial, with the beautiful service of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade Walsh became very prominent in the affairs of his home city and State and of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was active as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic for many years. He was mustered into E. B. Wolcott Post, No. 1 of Milwaukee, Wis., August 23, 1889; 10 years later he was elected senior vice commander of the post and commander in 1903. In 1908 he was elected commander of the department of Wisconsin. He served the national encampment as inspector general in 1902 and later was elected and served as senior vice commander in chief. Comrade Walsh was elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the sixtieth national encampment at Des Moines, Iowa, in September, 1926.

Comrade Walsh served for many years as a member of the board of managers of the Wisconsin Veteran Soldiers' Home. Comrade Walsh, as a man, was cordial and sincere in manner, and recognized in civil life and as a comrade, for his universal friendship and courtesy at all times and places. He was a man of sterling qualities and highly respected, always ready to help his comrades and the members of our auxiliary and allied societies. He did his work well as soldier, citizen, and comrade.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

JAMES W. WILLETT,
SMITH STIMMEL,
W. H. CHESBROUGH,
Committee.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS

COMRADE COSPER ALTENBERG

Department Commander, 1907

National Council of Administration

Mustered Out June 7, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

COMRADE WILLIAM H. NOLL

Department Commander, 1921

Assistant Adjutant General 1924–25—Adjutant General, 1927

Mustered Out November 30, 1931

COMRADE JAMES E. BURNS

Department Commander of Oklahoma, 1901

Mustered Out ———

COMRADE HENRY H. WOODRUFF

Department Commander, 1928

Mustered Out March 8, 1932

COMRADE J. L. HATTERY

Senior Vice Department Commander, 1928

Mustered Out February, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING

COMRADE ABRAHAM L. EMIGH

Adjutant General, 1931

Mustered Out November 10, 1931

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

COMRADE CHARLES M. SHAILER

Department Commander, 1927
Mustered Out December 3, 1931

COMRADE WILBUR F. ROGERS

Department Commander, 1893
Mustered Out March 4, 1932

COMRADE DR. FRANK A. CARGILL

Department Commander, 1930
Mustered Out March 5, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF DELAWARE

COMRADE MOSES WEIL

Department Commander—Died in Office
Mustered Out January 26, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO

COMRADE S. H. McCULLOUGH

Department Commander, 1930
Mustered Out March 8, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

COMRADE HENRY K. WOLCOTT

Junior Vice Department Commander, 1918
Mustered Out February 6, 1932

COMRADE WILLIAM J. COCHRAN

Department Commander, 1896; Judge Advocate General, 1925
Mustered Out ———

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

COMRADE SAMUEL M. HENCH

Department Commander, 1917; Judge Advocate General, 1930
Mustered Out March 15, 1932

COMRADE ALONZO MURPHY

Department Commander, 1918
Mustered Out March 28, 1932

COMRADE F. M. McNAIR

Department Commander, 1931
Mustered Out July 22, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

COMRADE R. G. BLACKWOOD

Senior Vice Department Commander, 1924
Mustered Out September, 1931

COMRADE PATRICK H. CONEY

Department Commander, 1905-6; Judge Advocate General, 1913;
Inspector General, 1915
Mustered Out July 24, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY

COMRADE ISAAC PALMER

Senior Vice Department Commander, 1931—Died in Office
Mustered Out December 15, 1931

COMRADE THOMAS A. CASEY

Department Commander, 1918
Mustered Out December 15, 1931

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY—Continued

COMRADE JAMES A. FISHER

Senior Vice Commander, 1932—Died in Office
Mustered Out June 29, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

COMRADE JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

Department Commander, 1917
Mustered Out November 24, 1931

COMRADE HENRY E. MERRIAM

Department Commander, 1920
Mustered Out January 15, 1932

COMRADE CHARLES E. MOULTON

Senior Vice Department Commander, 1886
Mustered Out February 9, 1932

COMRADE GEORGE W. GOULDING

Department Commander, 1919
Mustered Out February 29, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMRADE HENRY N. COMEY

Department Commander, 1925
Mustered Out April 15, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

COMRADE HENRY SPAULDING

Department Commander, 1920
Assistant Adjutant General, 1912, 1919, 1921–1925
Mustered Out December 8, 1931

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN—Continued

COMRADE LOUIS KANITZ

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1894
MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 22, 1931

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

COMRADE LEWIS F. RUPPEL

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1931
MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 6, 1931

COMRADE LUCIUS D. RICHARDS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1909
MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 19, 1931

COMRADE WILSON E. MAJORS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1917
MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 8, 1931

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

COMRADE JOHNSTON RILEY

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1927
MUSTERED OUT MARCH 17, 1932

COMRADE JOSIAH R. KIRKBRIDE

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1903
MUSTERED OUT JULY 26, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

COMRADE ALFRED E. SHOLES

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER OF GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA, 1891
MUSTERED OUT JULY 29, 1931

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK—Continued

COMRADE OSCAR SMITH

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1912
MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 26, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

COMRADE CHARLES H. DURFEE

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1927
MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 27, 1931

COMRADE JOHN McCLAY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1928
MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 10, 1931

COMRADE SAMUEL N. FLETCHER

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1928
MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 16, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

COMRADE H. S. LILLIGAR

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1927
MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 13, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMRADE JOHN B. PATRICK

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1927
MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 4, 1931

COMRADE A. JUDSON PUGH

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1931—DIED IN OFFICE
MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 14, 1931

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA—Continued

COMRADE MILTON P. CASHNER

Junior Vice Department Commander, 1926
Mustered Out December 19, 1931

COMRADE MARTIN R. GOOD

Senior Vice Department Commander, 1931—Died in Office
Mustered Out April 3, 1932

COMRADE WILLIAM T. POWELL

Department Commander, 1907
Mustered Out May 3, 1932

COMRADE PHIL ENGELSKIRGER

Department Commander, 1929
Mustered Out June 23, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF POTOMAC

COMRADE DR. WILLIAM TINDALL

Department Commander, 1932—Died in Office
Mustered Out April 30, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

COMRADE BENJAMIN L. HALL

Department Commander, 1887
Mustered Out October 20, 1931

COMRADE SAMUEL A. WHELDEN

Department Commander, 1922; National Council of Administration, 1922
Mustered Out March 8, 1932

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF UTAH

COMRADE C. W. A. SCHNELL

Department Commander, 1919
Assistant Adjutant General, 1918, 1919, 1923, 1931—Died in Office
Mustered Out November 13, 1931

COMRADE W. L. GOODSELL

Department Commander, 1923, 1924, 1925
Mustered Out October 20, 1931

COMRADE J. M. VAN DERVOORT

Senior Vice Department Commander, 1921
Mustered Out October 20, 1931

COMRADE LYMAN L. HUDSON

Department Commander, 1926–27
Mustered Out March, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA

COMRADE CORAINE C. SESSOMS

National Council of Administration and Department Chaplain
Mustered Out June 17, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

COMRADE JOHN HELWIG

Department Commander, 1930
Mustered Out July 27, 1931

COMRADE A. W. EATON

Department Commander, 1923
Mustered Out February 16, 1932

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First adjutant general

JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois
First quartermaster general

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOVEMBER 20, 1866

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.
The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	STEPHEN A. HURLBURT, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief	JAMES B. MCKEAN, New York.
Junior vice commander in chief	ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
Surgeon general	D. C. MCNEIL, Iowa.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
Adjutant general	BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON,[1] Illinois.
Quartermaster general	AUGUST WILLICH, Ohio.

SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JANUARY 15, 1868

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief	JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvania.
Junior vice commander in chief	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
Surgeon general	JOHN BELL, Iowa.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general	NORTON P. CHIPMAN,[1] Washington, D. C.
Quartermaster general	T. C. CAMPBELL,[1] Ohio.
Inspector general	EDWARD JARDINE,[1] New Jersey.

THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 12, 13, 1869

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JOHN R. LOGAN, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
Junior vice commander in chief	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
Surgeon general	S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
Quartermaster general	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
Inspector general	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
Judge advocate general	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

[1] By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers now appointed.

FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 11, 12, 1870

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
Junior vice commander in chief	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
Surgeon general	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
Adjutant general	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C.
Quartermaster general	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
Inspector general	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
Judge advocate general	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., MAY 10, 11, 1871

Headquarters established New York City.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
Senior vice commander in chief	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
Junior vice commander in chief	JAMES COEY, California.
Surgeon general	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
Adjutant general	WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
Quartermaster general	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
Inspector general	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
Judge advocate general	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 8, 9, 1872

Headquarters established New York City.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
Senior vice commander in chief	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
Junior vice commander in chief	J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
Surgeon general	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
Adjutant general	ROSWELL MILLER, New York.
Quartermaster general	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
Inspector general	MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
Judge advocate general	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN., MAY 14, 15, 1873

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
Senior vice commander in chief	JOHN R. GOBLE, New Jersey.
Junior vice commander in chief	EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
Surgeon general	HANS POWELL, New York.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
Adjutant general	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
Quartermaster general	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
Inspector general	A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
Judge advocate general	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA., MAY 13, 1874

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	Charles Devens, Massachusetts.
Senior vice commander in chief	Edward Jardine, New York.
Junior vice commander in chief	Guy T. Gould, Illinois.
Surgeon general	Hans Powell, New York.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. Aug. Woodbury, Rhode Island.
Adjutant general	Henry R. Sibley, Massachusetts.
Quartermaster general	A. B. R. Sprague, Massachusetts.
Inspector general	W. W. Brown, Pennsylvania.
Judge advocate general	W. W. Douglas, Rhode Island.

NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 12, 13, 1875

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	John F. Hartranft, Pennsylvania.
Senior vice commander in chief	J. S. Reynolds, Illinois.
Junior vice commander in chief	Charles J. Buckbee, Connecticut.
Surgeon general	John W. Foye, Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. Myron W. Reed, Wisconsin.
Adjutant general	Robert B. Beath, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general	William Ward, New Jersey.
Inspector general	W. F. Rogers, New York.
Judge advocate general	W. W. Douglas, Rhode Island.

TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 30, 1876

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	John F. Hartranft, Pennsylvania.
Senior vice commander in chief	J. S. Reynolds, Illinois.
Junior vice commander in chief	Charles J. Buckbee, Connecticut.
Surgeon general	James L. Watson, New York.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. Jos. F. Lovering, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general	Robert B. Beath, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general	William Ward, New Jersey.
Inspectors general	W. F. Rogers,[2] New York. Matthew Hall, Pennsylvania.
Judge advocate general	W. W. Douglas, Rhode Island.

ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I., JUNE 26, 27, 1877

Headquarters established New York City.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	John C. Robinson, New York.
Senior vice commander in chief	Elisha H. Rhodes, Rhode Island.
Junior vice commander in chief	William Earnshaw, Ohio.
Surgeon general	James L. Watson, New York.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. Jos. F. Lovering, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general	James L. Farley, New York.
Quartermaster general	William Ward, New Jersey.
Inspector general	Matthew Hall, Pennsylvania.
Judge advocate general	William Cogswell, Massachusetts.

[2] Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.

TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS., JUNE 4, 1878

Headquarters established New York City. Membership, 31,016.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
Senior vice commander in chief	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
Junior vice commander in chief	HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
Surgeon general	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
Quartermaster general	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
Inspector general	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
Judge advocate general	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y., JUNE 17, 18, 1879

Headquarters established National Military Home, Ohio. Membership, 44,752.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief	JOHN PALMER, New York.
Junior vice commander in chief	HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
Surgeon general	WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general	ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
Quartermaster general	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
Inspector general	CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
Judge advocate general	WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO, JUNE 8, 9, 1880

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
Senior vice commander in chief	EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
Junior vice commander in chief	GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
Surgeon general	A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general	ROBERT B, BEATH, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
Inspector general	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
Judge advocate general	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., JUNE 15, 16, 1881

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	GEORGE S. MERRILL, Massachusetts.
Senior vice commander in chief	CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
Junior vice commander in chief	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
Surgeon general	CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
Quartermaster general	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
Inspector general	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
Judge advocate general	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD., JUNE 21–23, 1882

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 134,701.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	Paul Vandervoort, Nebraska.
Senior vice commander in chief	W. E. W. Ross, Maryland.
Junior vice commander in chief	I. S. Bangs, Maine.
Surgeon general	Azel Ames, Jr., Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. I. M. Foster, New York.
Adjutant general	F. E. Brown, Nebraska.
Quartermaster general	John Taylor, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general	John W. Burst, Illinois.
Judge advocate general	James R. Carnahan, Indiana.

SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., JUNE 25, 26, 1883

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	Robert B. Beath, Pennsylvania.
Senior vice commander in chief	William Warner, Missouri.
Junior vice commander in chief	Walter H. Holmes, California.
Surgeon general	Azel Ames, Jr., Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. I. M. Foster, New York.
Adjutant general	John M. Vanderslice, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general	John Taylor, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general	Charles A. Santmyer, Ohio.
Judge advocate general	William Vandever, Iowa.

EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., JUNE 23–25, 1884

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	John S. Kountz, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief	John P. Rea, Minnesota.
Junior vice commander in chief	Ira E. Hicks, Connecticut.
Surgeon general	William D. Hall, Pennsylvania.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. T. M. Shanafelt, Michigan.
Adjutant general	W. W. Alcorn, Ohio.
Quartermaster general	John Taylor, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general	Oscar A. Janes, Michigan.
Judge advocate general	D. R. Austin, Ohio.

NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, ME., JUNE 24, 25, 1885

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	Samuel S. Burdett, Washington, D. C.
Senior vice commander in chief	Seldon Connor, Maine.
Junior vice commander in chief	John R. Lewis, Georgia.
Surgeon general	J. C. Tucker, California.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. Lemuel H. Stewart, Ohio.
Adjutant general	John Cameron, Washington, D. C.
Quartermaster general	John Taylor, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general	Argus D. Vanosdol, Indiana.
Judge advocate general	Charles H. Grosvenor, Ohio.

TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., AUGUST 4–6, 1886

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
Senior vice commander in chief	SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
Junior vice commander in chief	EDGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
Surgeon general	AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
Adjutant general	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
Quartermaster general	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general	JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
Judge advocate general	HENRY E. TAINTOR, Connecticut.

TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO., SEPTEMBER 28–30, 1887

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
Senior vice commander in chief	NELSON COLE, Missouri.
Junior vice commander in chief	JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
Surgeon general	FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington, D. C.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
Adjutant general	DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.
Quartermaster general	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general	IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
Judge advocate general	WHEELOCK G. VEAZY, Vermont.

TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12–14, 1888

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
Senior vice commander in chief	MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
Junior vice commander in chief	JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
Surgeon general	R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
Adjutant general	EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
Quartermaster general	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general	GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
Judge advocate general	JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS., AUGUST 28–30, 1889

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
Senior vice commander in chief	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
Junior vice commander in chief	JOHN F. LOVETT, New Jersey.
Surgeon general	HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
Adjutant general	GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
Quartermaster general	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
Judge advocate general	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 13, 14, 1890

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 409,489.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
Senior vice commanders in chief	RICHARD F. TOBIN,[3] Massachusetts. GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
Junior vice commander in chief	GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
Chaplain in chief	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
Surgeon general	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
Adjutant general	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
Quartermaster general	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
Judge advocate general	WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH., AUGUST 5–7, 1891

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JOHN PALMER, New York.
Senior vice commander in chief	HENRY F. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
Junior vice commander in chief	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
Surgeon general	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. S. B. PAINE, Florida.
Adjutant general	FRED. PHISTERER, New York.
Quartermaster general	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general	JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
Judge advocate general	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.

TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892

Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,880.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
Senior vice commander in chief	R. H. WARFIELD, California.
Junior vice commander in chief	PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
Surgeon general	W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
Adjutant general	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
Quartermaster general	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general	GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
Judge advocate general	JAMES TANNER, New York.

TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
Senior vice commander in chief	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
Junior vice commander in chief	J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
Surgeon general	GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
Adjutant general	JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
Quartermaster general	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general	ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
Judge advocate general	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

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[3] Died in office.

TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA., SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership, 369,083.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	THOMAS G. LAWLOR, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief	A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
Junior vice commander in chief	CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
Surgeon general	O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. T. H. HAGGERTY, Missouri.
Adjutant general	C. C. JONES, Illinois.
Quartermaster general	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
Inspector general	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
Judge advocate general	MATT H. ELLIS, New York.

TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY., SEPTEMBER 11–13, 1895

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
Senior vice commander in chief	E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
Junior vice commander in chief	S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
Surgeon general	J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. THOMAS C. ILIFF, Utah.
Adjutant general	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
Quartermaster general	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
Inspector general	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
Judge advocate general	ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN., SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1896

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	THAD S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
Senior vice commander in chief	JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
Junior vice commander in chief	CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
Surgeon general	A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general	CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
Quartermaster general	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
Inspector general	CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania.
Judge advocate general	ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y., AUGUST 25–27, 1897

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
Senior vice commander in chief	ALFRED LYTH, New York.
Junior vice commander in chief	FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
Surgeon general	DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. FRANK C. BRUNER, Illinois.
Adjutant general	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
Judge advocate general	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commanders in chief	JAMES A. SEXTON,[3] Illinois. W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
Senior vice commanders in chief	W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio. DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
Junior vice commander in chief	DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
Surgeon general	A. S. PIERCE, Nebraska.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. DANIEL LUCAS, Indiana.
Adjutant general	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general	FRED W. SPINK, Illinois.
Inspector general	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
Judge advocate general	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 287,918.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	ALBERT D. SHAW, New York.
Senior vice commander in chief	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
Junior vice commander in chief	MICHAEL MINTON, Kentucky.
Surgeon general	WILLIAM H. BAKER, Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. JACOB L. GRIMM, Maryland.
Adjutant general	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general	EDWARD J. ATKINSON, New York.
Inspector general	NATHAN P. POND, New York.
Judge advocate general	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., AUGUST 29, 30, 1900

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.
Senior vice commander in chief	E. C. MILLIKEN, Maine.
Junior vice commander in chief	FRANK SEAMAN, Tennessee.
Surgeon general	JOHN A. WILKINS, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. AUG. DRAHMS, California.
Adjutant general	FRANK M. STERRETT, Missouri.
Quartermaster general	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general	HENRY S. PECK, Connecticut.
Judge advocate general	JAMES H. WOLFF, Massachusetts.

THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.
Senior vice commander in chief	JOHN MCELROY, Washington, D. C.
Junior vice commander in chief	JAMES O'DONNELL, Illinois.
Surgeon general	WILLIAM R. THRALL, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pennsylvania.
Adjutant general	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
Quartermaster general	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general	W. A. WETHERBEE, Massachusetts.
Judge advocate general	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.

[3] Died in office.

THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
Senior vice commander in chief	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
Junior vice commander in chief	JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
Surgeon general	A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
Adjutant general	JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general	F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
Judge advocate general	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief	C. MASON KINNE, California.
Junior vice commander in chief	HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
Surgeon general	GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
Adjutant general	CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
Quartermaster general	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general	ERWIN B. MESSLER, Iowa.
Judge advocate general	JAMES TANNER, New York.

THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 17, 18, 1904

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 247,340.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commanders in chief	WILMON W. BLACKMAR,[3] Massachusetts. JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
Senior vice commanders in chief	JOHN R. KING, Maryland. GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
Junior vice commanders in chief	GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee. E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
Surgeon general	WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
Adjutant general	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
Quartermaster general	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general	LEE S. ESTELLE, Nebraska.
Judge advocates general	AMOS M. THAYER,[3] Missouri OSCAR L. MOORE, Kansas.

THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 232,455.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JAMES TANNER, New York.
Senior vice commander in chief	GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado.
Junior vice commander in chief	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
Surgeon general	HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
Adjutant general	JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
Quartermaster general	FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
Inspector general	M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
Judge advocate general	CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

[3] Died in office.

FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., AUGUST 16, 17, 1906

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership, 235,823.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief	WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
Junior vice commander in chief	E. B. FENTON, Michigan
Surgeon general	W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
Chaplain in chief	Right Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
Adjutant general	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.
Quartermaster general	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general	THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
Judge advocate general	FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D. C.
National patriotic instructor	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 229,932.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
Senior vice commander in chief	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
Junior vice commander in chief	W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
Surgeon general	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
Chaplain in chief	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
Adjutant general	JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
Quartermaster general	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Judge advocate general	L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
National patriotic instructor	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	HENRY M. NEVIUS, New Jersey.
Senior vice commander in chief	J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
Junior vice commander in chief	CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
Surgeon general	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
Adjutant general	FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
Judge advocate general	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
National patriotic instructor	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, AUGUST 12, 13, 1909

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
Senior vice commander in chief	WILLIAM R. BOSTAPH, Utah.
Junior vice commander in chief	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
Surgeon general	WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
Adjutant general	GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
Judge advocate general	RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
National patriotic instructor	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
Senior vice commander in chief	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Junior vice commander in chief	WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
Surgeon general	JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
Adjutant general	EPHRIAM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
Judge advocate general	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
National patriotic instructor	J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y., AUGUST 24, 25, 1911

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief	NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
Junior vice commander in chief	WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
Surgeon general	JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
Adjutant general	CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	JOHN H. MCCLAY, Nebraska.
Judge advocate general	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
National patriotic instructor	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., SEPTEMBER 9–14, 1912

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
Senior vice commander in chief	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
Junior vice commander in chief	AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
Surgeon general	L. L. WHITAKER, Texas.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general	HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
Judge advocate general	BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
National patriotic instructor	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
Senior vice commander in chief	THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
Junior vice commanders in chief	WILLIAM L. ROSS,[4] Maine. A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
Surgeon general	J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
Adjutant general	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
Judge advocate general	P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
National patriotic instructor	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

[4] Resigned.

FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH., SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914

Headquarters established at Des Moines. Membership, 171,335.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
Senior vice commanders in chief	JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD,[3] Michigan. W. F. CONNER, Texas.
Junior vice commanders in chief	W. F. CONNER, Texas. OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
Surgeon general	LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
Adjutant general	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont.
Judge advocate general	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
National patriotic instructor	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159.863.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	ELIAS R. MONFORT, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief	GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C
Junior vice commander in chief	LE VANT DODGE, Kentucky.
Surgeon general	REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Maryland.
Adjutant general	Dr. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
Judge advocate general	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
National patriotic instructor	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 140,074.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Senior vice commander in chief	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City.
Junior vice commander in chief	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
Surgeon general	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
Adjutant general	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	CHARLES H. HASKINS, California.
Judge advocate general	RALZEMOND A. PARKER, Michigan.
National patriotic instructor	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 20–25, 1917

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
Senior vice commander in chief	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
Junior vice commander in chief	JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.
Surgeon general	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
Adjutant general	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Judge advocate general	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
National patriotic instructor	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

[3] Died in office.

FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, OREG., AUGUST 18–24, 1918

Headquarters established at Lincoln, Nebr. Membership, 120,916.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	CLARENDON E. ADAMS, Omaha, Nebr.
Senior vice commander in chief	JOHN G. CHAMBERS, Portland, Oreg.
Junior vice commander in chief	CHAS. H. HABER, National Home, Va.
Surgeon general	CHESTER M. FERRIN, Burlington, Vt.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. PHILIP A. NORDELL, Boston, Mass.
Adjutant general	ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, Lincoln, Nebr.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
Inspector general	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
National patriotic instructor	GEORGE D. KELLOGG, Newcastle, Calif.

FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 7–13, 1919

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y., later removed to Columbus, Ohio. Membership, 110,357.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commanders in chief	JAMES D. BELL,[3] Brooklyn, N. Y. DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
Senior vice commanders in chief	DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio. CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
Junior vice commanders in chief	CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif. ISIDOR ISAACS, New York, N. Y.
Surgeon general	STEPHEN I. BROWN, Knox, Ind.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. W. W. GIST, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
Adjutants general	ISIDOR ISAACS, New York, N. Y. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Columbus, Ohio.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
Inspector general	JAMES C. TAYLOR, Newark, N. J.
National patriotic instructor	HOSEA W. ROOD, Madison, Wis.

FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 19–25, 1920

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 103,258.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
Senior vice commander in chief	GEORGE A. HOLSEY, Boston, Mass.
Junior vice commander in chief	J. E. GANDY, Spokane, Wash.
Surgeon general	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
Chaplain in chief	WILLIAM A. BOSWORTH, Wichita, Kans.
Adjutant general	MAHLON D. BUTLER, Indianapolis, Ind.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
Inspector general	M. W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
National patriotic instructor	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

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[3] Died in office.

FIFTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 25–29, 1921

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y. Membership, 93,171.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Senior vice commander in chief	Robert W. McBride, Indianapolis, Ind.
Junior vice commander in chief	Henry A. Johnson, Washington, D. C.
Surgeon general	Marshall W. Wood, Boise, Idaho.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. George B. Smith, Minneapolis, Minn.
Adjutant general	William C. Peckham, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Quartermaster general	Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	Thomas S. Hopkins, Washington, D. C.
Inspector general	Richard A. Sarle, San Francisco, Calif.
National patriotic instructor	Levi Longfellow, Minneapolis, Minn.

FIFTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 24–29, 1922

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 85,621.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.
Senior vice commander in chief	C. S. Brodbent, San Antonio, Tex.
Junior vice commander in chief	Craven V. Gardner, Rapid City, S. Dak.
Surgeon general	George Tryon Harding, M. D., Marion, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. J. H. Eppler, Gary, Ind.
Adjutant general	John P. Risley, Des Moines, Iowa.
Quartermaster general	Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	Robert W. McBride, Indianapolis, Ind.
Inspector general	Marshall W. Wood, Boise, Idaho.
National patriotic instructor	John M. Williams, California, Mo.

FIFTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS., SEPTEMBER 2–8, 1923

Headquarters established at Van Wert, Ohio. Membership, 76,126.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, Van Wert, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief	Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, Wis.
Junior vice commander in chief	George T. Leech, Baltimore, Md.
Surgeon general	C. W. Burrill, Kansas City, Mo.
Chaplain in chief	Charles L. Shergur, Union Springs, N. Y.
Adjutant general	Andrew S. Burt, Van Wert, Ohio.
Quartermaster general	Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	Robert W. McBride, Indianapolis, Ind.
Inspector general	Otto Shimansky, Sandusky, Ohio.
National patriotic instructor	Charles O. Brown, Oak Park, Ill.

FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 10–15, 1924

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 65,382.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	Louis F. Arensberg, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Senior vice commander in chief	Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Boston, Mass.
Junior vice commander in chief	John Reese, Broken Bow, Nebr.
Surgeon general	Joseph E. Hall, Portland, Oreg.
Chaplain in chief	Charles W. Blodgett, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Adjutant general	Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.
Assistant adjutant general	H. H. Bengough, Pittsburg, Pa.
Quartermaster general	Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	Robert W. McBride, Indianapolis, Ind.
Inspector general	George T. Leech, Baltimore, Md.
National patriotic instructor	Levi Longfellow, Minneapolis, Minn.

FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1925

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 55,817.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	John B. Inman, Springfield, Ill.
Senior vice commander in chief	Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich.
Junior vice commander in chief	William O. Allen, Newark, N. J.
Surgeon general	John Gilbert, Fall River, Mass.
Chaplain in chief	William P. McKinsey, Lebanon, Ind.
Adjutant general	Henry B. Davidson, Springfield, Ill.
Quartermaster general	Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	Robert W. McBride, Indianapolis, Ind.
Inspector general	Isaac Cole, Maplewood, N. J.
National patriotic instructor	Levi Longfellow, Minneapolis, Minn.

SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 19–25, 1926

Headquarters established at Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 47,179.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, Wis.
Senior vice commander in chief	A. G. Beatty, Independence, Iowa.
Junior vice commander in chief	C. H. Haskins, Los Angeles, Calif.
Surgeon general	C. W. Burrill, Kansas City, Mo.
Chaplain in chief	Robert W. Hill, Albany, N. Y.
Adjutants general	Charles H. Henry,[4] Eau Claire, Wis. Charles Kayser,[3] Milwaukee, Wis. George W. Morton, Berlin, Wis.
Assistant adjutant general	George A. Hannaford, Milwaukee, Wis.
Quartermaster general	C. D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N, Y.
Judge advocate general	W. G. Cochran, Sullivan, Ill.
Inspector general	Frank Dagle, Des Moines, Iowa.
National patriotic instructor	Smith Stimmel, Fargo, N. Dak.

[3] Died in office.

[4] Resigned.

SIXTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., SEPTEMBER 11–16, 1927

Headquarters established in State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. Membership, 38,801.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	ELBRIDGE L. HAWK, Sacramento, Calif.
Senior vice commander in chief	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Buffalo, N. Y.
Junior vice commander in chief	SAMUEL E. MAHAN, St. Paul, Minn.
Surgeon general	Dr. HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio.
Adjutant general	WM. H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
Quartermaster general	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
Inspector general	WALTER L. FUNK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
National patriotic instructor	Rev. CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

SIXTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 16–21, 1928

Headquarters established in Broken Bow, Nebr. Membership, 32,614.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
Senior vice commander in chief	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
Junior vice commander in chief	HENRY J. KEARNEY, New York, N. Y.
Surgeon general	Dr. S. W. HOPKINS, Lodi, Calif.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Ohio.
Adjutant general	MELVIN K. HAGADORN, Broken Bow, Nebr.
Quartermaster general	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
Inspector general	W. C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.
National patriotic instructor	Rev. CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, ME., SEPTEMBER 8–13, 1929

Headquarters established in Worcester, Mass. Membership, 26,219.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	EDWIN J. FOSTER, Worcester, Mass.
Senior vice commander in chief	C. E. NASON, Gray, Me.
Junior vice commander in chief	J. W. SHIELDS, Boise, Idaho.
Surgeon general	EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
Chaplain in chief	J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
Adjutant general	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, Mass.
Quartermaster general	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
Inspector general	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
National patriotic instructor	Rev. C. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Assistant adjutant general	J. H. WEBB, Boston, Mass.
Assistant quartermaster general	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
Chief of staff	G. A. HOSLEY, West Somerville, Mass.
Senior aide de camp	M. H. DAVIDSON, Louisville, Ky.

SIXTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, AUGUST 24–28, 1930

Headquarters established at Fort Morgan, Colo. Membership, 21,080.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
Senior vice commander in chief	JACOB SECREST, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Junior vice commander in chief	CHARLES H. LEWIS, Pawtucket, R. I.
Surgeon general	EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
Chaplain in chief	HENRY HILTON WOOD, Long Beach, Calif.
Adjutant general	ABRAHAM L. EMIGH, Fort Morgan, Colo.
Quartermaster general	EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	SAMUEL M. HENCH, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Inspector general	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
National patriotic instructor	ROBERT W. HILL, Albany, N. Y.
Assistant adjutant general	P. H. CONEY, Topeka, Kans.
Assistant quartermaster general and custodian.	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
Chief of staff	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
Senior aide-de-camp	G. H. POUNDER, Fort Atkinson, Wis.

SIXTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 14–17, 1931

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 16,578.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
Senior vice commander in chief	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
Junior vice commander in chief	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
Surgeon general	SAMUEL A. CAMPBELL, Mattoon, Ill.
Chaplain in chief	JESSE B. BARTLEY, Omaha, Nebr.
Adjutant general	W. F. HAMBRIGHT, Lancaster, Pa.
Quartermaster general	EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
Judge advocate general	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
Inspector general	IRA D. WILDMAN, Danbury, Conn.
National patriotic instructor	JOHN F. PICKERILL, Seattle, Wash.
Assistant adjutant general	FRED. A. BURT, Providence, R. I.
Assistant quartermaster general and custodian.	JACOB BARRON, Philadelphia, Pa.
Chief of staff	CHARLES E. NASON, Portland, Me.
Senior aide-de-camp	JOSEPH B. HENNINGER, Indianapolis, Ind.

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